



ARCHDIOCESE OF AGAÑA
OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

December 6, 2024

Most Rev. Ryan Pagente Jimenez, D.D.
Archbishop of Agaña
196 Cuesta San Ramon, Ste B
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RE: Disclosure Statement

In re: Archbishop of Agaña, a Corporation Sole, Case No. 19-00010,
District Court of Guam Bankruptcy Division

Your Excellency,

I would like to communicate to you the names of our clergy who had been found guilty or had been dismissed or granted dispensation from the clerical state by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome. These names of the clergy are part of the nearly 300 claims brought in civil lawsuits for sexual abuse covering the period of 1950 through 2015 which were settled before the Court on June 20, 2023.

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith had communicated to our Local Ordinaries of the Archdiocese of Agaña at the Chancery Office in different times the decisions made to some specific cases after a canonical penal trial. To wit:

- **Anthony Sablan Apuron**
Date of Decision: 7 February 2019
Found guilty of delicts against the Sixth Commandment with minors
- **Raymond F. Cepeda**
Date of Decision: 3 November 2009
Dispensed and Separated from the clerical state
Deceased
- **Adrian L.F. Cristobal**
Date of Decision: 25 June 2020
Dispensed and Separated from the clerical state

- **Jose R. San Agustin**
Date of Decision: 13 July 1973
Dispensed and Separated from the clerical state
Deceased

The Archdiocese of Agaña recognizes that **Louis Brouillard**, a priest formerly operating in the Diocese of Guam, admitted in his past of his sexual transgressions involving children from Guam and Saipan. He died before the Court settlement of his Case 1:17-cv-00047 Document 1 Filed 04/19/17 and before commencing any canonical penal trial.

I would like also to state here, Your Excellency, that the archdiocese has undertaken a review of the allegations made against all living individuals named in the Complaints for Damages in accordance with the processes set forth under Canon Law, and in conformance with civil law and the requirements for the safeguarding of the vulnerable. Several clerics who are members of religious orders and otherwise connected to Guam were also investigated by their Orders.

Your Excellency, while the publication of names in our website is part of the Non-Monetary Commitments included in the Final Decree of the settlement, from the canonical point of view, we are unable to establish with moral certainty whether those crimes were truly committed since most of those accused have long been deceased. Canonical penal procedure requires the right of defense of those who are accused. Hence, criminal action is extinguished by prescription, death of the accused or when the cleric has already been dismissed or granted dispensation from clerical state.

I pledge to inform you or to make any announcement for our people on any case decided by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith.

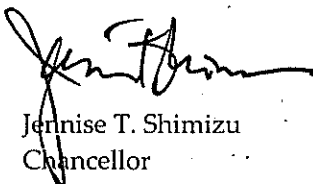
I remain with the thought that a Shepherd is called to carry out his task "by counsel, encouragement, example, but also in authority and holy power" (Lumen Gentium, n. 27), since love and mercy require that a father also himself trying hard to straighten what is sometimes crooked.

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Fr. Romeo D. Convocar
Vicar General and Moderator Curiae

Attested by:



Jennise T. Shimizu
Chancellor

