



ARCHDIOCESE OF AGANA

CHANCERY OFFICE

196 Cuesta San Ramon Ste. B • Hagatna, Guam 96910 • Tel: (671) 472-6116, (671) 562-0000 • Fax: (671) 477-3519

April 27, 2023

Archdiocesan Announcement

Universal Prayer at Masses to include prayers for Archbishop Emeritus and selection of a new archbishop

Starting May 7, our Archdiocese of Agaña will include regular prayer intentions for Archbishop Emeritus Michael Byrnes at Masses celebrated on island along with prayers for a new, holy shepherd to be chosen for Guam.

Many on Guam and abroad have been praying for our former archbishop who resigned as Archbishop of Agaña last month while contending with an extended illness off-island since last June.

Those prayers will grow in frequency. Father Mike Crisostomo, Delegate of the Apostolic Administrator wrote the following letter to all pastors and parochial administrators this week:

“On behalf of Fr Romy, Apostolic Administrator, please include the following petitions in the Universal Prayer every weekend beginning Sunday, May 07, 2023.

We pray for Archbishop Emeritus Michael Jude Byrnes, may he be filled with the strength from the Holy Spirit in his journey to healing and may his moments be filled with Our Lord’s peace. May his days be rewarded with comfort for the service to our Archdiocese. We pray to the Lord...

We pray for our Archdiocese that we be granted a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ’s heart of mercy, voice of hope and hands of justice. May he fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments and the desire to build up your holy Church. We pray to the Lord...

Thank you to Fr Paul and the Liturgical Commission for composing these petitions.”

Pope Francis last March 28 appointed Father Romy to lead our archdiocese as Apostolic Administrator until a permanent archbishop is selected. The pope said he had accepted the resignation of now Archbishop Emeritus Byrnes. Father Romy appointed Father Mike the Delegate of the Apostolic Administrator on April 3.

Sent by Tony C. Diaz, Archdiocese of Agana Director of Communication, (671) 562-0065, tony.diaz@archagana.org.