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Archbishop Michael Byrnes Statement on Kamalen Karidat

I would like to address and assure the faithful, donors, supporters, especially the poor and homeless who are being served, and the community in general that although the Archdiocese of Agana is addressing serious concerns regarding Kamalen Karidat ministries, particularly accounting and management of funds in the past, we are continuing our services to the poor and homeless under the auspices of the Chancery, and not under Kamalen Karidat.

I have instructed the legal counsel of Kamalen Karidat to notice a board meeting to address these matters of Kamalen Karidat, and following that meeting we will better inform the community.

I truly appreciate the diligence and concern of the Concerned Catholics of Guam which communicated its concerns in a formal letter to me last October. Most recently, CCOG President David Sablan met with me and current Kamalen Karidat director Father Mike Crisostomo last Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Since being appointed to lead this ministry last May, Father Mike Crisostomo has ensured that the non-profit group has practiced full diligence and compliance in managing its finances, including properly documenting all contributions. I have made one of my goals since becoming Archbishop to be transparent and accountable in all of our actions and transactions, and we will continue to do so.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Michael Byrnes

Coadjutor Archbishop of Agaña