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NEWS RELEASE

Archbishop to bless crosses for victims of COVID-19 during All Souls Mass at Agana-Cathedral

In humble remembrance of those who have passed away as a result of COVID-19, Archbishop Michael J. Byrnes will bless 79 comfort crosses on the altar during the 12 noon All Souls Day Mass Monday, Nov. 2, 2020 at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica in Hagatña.

Made of olive wood from the Holy Land, each comfort cross may be picked up by a family representative after Mass. If you are a family member, please identify yourself after Mass so that we may entrust the cross to you in remembrance of your loved one. One cross for each family of those who died of COVID-19.

The Mass on All Souls Day, which is formally known as the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, can be followed through the Agana parish website/Facebook at [Facebook.com/aganacathedral](https://www.facebook.com/aganacathedral) and Website aganacathedral.org.

Parishes will celebrate Masses at their churches and include prayers of intentions for the dearly departed on All Souls Day. However, Masses will not be celebrated at the cemeteries this year on All Souls Day in line with a joint announcement by directors of Catholic and private cemeteries on Oct. 7.

To safeguard against the spread of COVID-19 the directors announced that their cemeteries will be closed on All Souls Day weekend, Sat. Oct. 31 to Mon., Nov. 2.

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