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March 26, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

My greetings of peace in Christ! Welcome to INETNON GEFTAO (Our Giving Community), the fellowship of individuals, organizations, and businesses who financially support the mission of the Archdiocese of Agaña. Please see attached your giving records for 2019 and 2020.

For some, it has been a difficult year with the effects of the pandemic on families and the economic stability of our island. Much has been accomplished due to the resilience and cooperation of the people of Guam. While complete recovery is still ahead, we remember those who suffered any loss this past year. They continue to remain in our prayers.

Despite the challenges, even your smallest gifts make a positive impact on those who are homeless and hungry or the many faithful who rely on their parishes, the spiritual centers of our villages. Thank you for your confidence in the Archdiocese to be a good steward of your generosity.

Although I just passed my fourth year here, we have yet to resolve the clergy abuse claims against the Archdiocese. You must know this issue has my personal attention and we are doing everything we can to bring some measure of the long overdue justice and healing to the victims.

Nonetheless, the work of the Church continues. We are grateful for every blessing and opportunity to build His kingdom among us. With your continued support, we joyfully accept the pastoral and temporal work entrusted to us for all the members of the Body of Christ. On the next pages, we provide the Chancery's unaudited two-year general fundraising report. Please visit our website at archagana.org for updates and announcements.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Michael J. Byrnes, S.T.D.
Metropolitan Archbishop of Agaña



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Archdiocese of Agaña Chancery Fundraising Report for 2019 and 2020

| | January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 | January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total Value of Cash Gifts | \$144,600.56 | \$185,986.57 |
| By Ministry | | |
| Seminarian Education and Support | \$26,257.27 | \$85,955.91 |
| Support to Retired Clergy | \$1,765.33 | \$12,489.03 |
| Ministry to the Homeless | \$56,261.94 | \$73,646.57 |
| Catholic Education | \$1,314.36 | \$5,120.58 |
| Catholic Media | \$28,386.92 | \$3,755.46 |
| Other | \$30,612.73 | \$5,019.01 |

| | January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 | January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of Cash Gifts | 211 | 441 |
| Value of In-Kind Gifts and Sponsorship | 0 | \$31,114.70 |

A Few Highlights of How Your Donations Helped in 2019 and 2020

- Three **seminarians** completed their studies at St. Patrick's University and Seminary. Two were ordained as transitional deacons in 2019 and one in 2020. Their priestly ordinations were held in the last three months of 2020. All three are now assigned to parishes, have joined their brother priests in ministering to the sick and the poor, teaching and bringing the Word of God to the faithful through the liturgies.
- The **Ministry to the Homeless** kitchen continues to provide daily meals for anywhere 60 and 100 people. For many of these, it is their only meal of the day. The ministry also provides a shower facility. During the pandemic, personal care items and a day's worth of bagged grocery items were handed out to each client. Through the 'Pay it Forward' program, individuals and families can shop with dignity for personal items using gift vouchers paid for by donors.
- The **Catholic Media** ministry continues to share the Good News, the current events, and announcements of the Archdiocese. Last year, due to cost constraints, the weekly printed newspaper





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Umatuna Si Yu'os is discontinued. However, pastoral messages, important information and news are placed on the Archdiocese's official website at <https://archagana.org>, official radio station **KOLG 90.9 FM** and social media platforms. We reached tens of thousands more people through our online efforts and need your help to continue this vital service. Through your help, the faithful received timely information on how to stay safe during the pandemic including attending Mass and other church activities and events.

- Sponsored by generous donors from the Archdiocese of Detroit, our parishes are now registered with **FORMED**, a completely online service providing the very best Catholic content such as movies, children's programs, eBooks, audio, and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device. Go to <https://formed.org/signup>, search for your parish, and get started!

New for 2021

- Starting January 1, 2021, we have expanded the Seminarian Education and Support fund to include post graduate education for our priests particularly in the areas of church management and Canon law. The fund is now called **Seminarian and Priest Education**.
- We have also added the ministry for **Safe Environment**.

In 2002 in response to the many sexual abuse allegations and reports of clergy sexual abuse of children in the Catholic Church, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) signed the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, a guide to promote healing and reconciliation with victims/survivors of sexual abuse of minors, to guarantee an effective response to allegations of sexual abuse of minors, and to ensure the accountability of procedures in parishes, schools, and other ministries where minors participate or are present. The Safe Environment Program embodies these principles and through its services, ensures that all clergy, employees, and volunteers working with children undergo annual training and background check clearances, and promotes the highest standards of safety and transparency.

A central component of the Archdiocesan Safe Environment program is **VIRTUS®**, an online awareness training program created by the National Catholic Risk Retention Group in the United States with "Protecting God's Children" components that combats sexual abuse of children in the Church. Since 2017, hundreds of clergy, religious, lay staff and volunteers have completed the training. In 2020, 214 individuals completed the VIRTUS® training for the first time; another 549 renewed their training.



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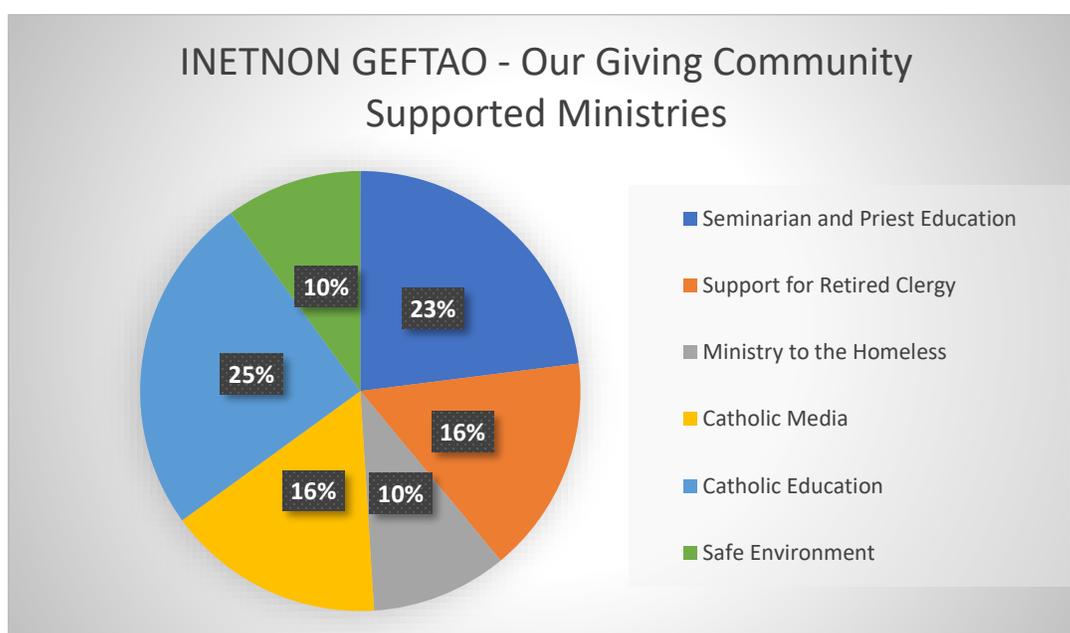


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INETNON GEFTAO (Our Giving Community) supports six essential Archdiocesan ministries. Undesignated gifts will be distributed to each ministry as follows: 23% to Seminarian and Priest Education, 25% to Catholic Education, 16% to Support for Retired Clergy, 10% to Ministry to the Homeless, 16% to Catholic Media, and 10% to Safe Environment.



Thank you, again, for your generosity these past two years.
We hope you will keep the Archdiocese of Agaña in your giving plans this year, as well.

We invite you to make contributions and recurring pledge payments using our online service at <https://archagana.org/donate>. Our website is completely safe and secure. The Archdiocese of Agaña will not distribute or share your personal information with any other party.

You may also support the Archdiocese by selecting it as your favorite charity on Amazon, eBay, and other participating online merchants.



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FIRST AND LAST NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PARISH: _____

DONATION AMOUNT: _____ CASH OR CHECK (circle) CHECK NO. _____

Your donation directly supports the ministries of the Archdiocese of Agaña. You can choose any one or a combination.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seminarian and Priest Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Support to Retired Clergy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry to the Homeless | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Environment |

Add a note or other request:

In memory of:

Please send this form along with your check payable to **Archdiocese of Agaña**.

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