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Statement on Decision of Motion for Partial Summary Judgment

The Archdiocese of Agaña maintains, through Archbishop Michael Byrnes that the parishes and schools are held only in trust by the Archdiocese, and in particular by the Archbishop in office at any particular time.

The Archdiocese is, however, heartened by the comments of Judge Tydingco-Gatewood in the latter part of the decision indicating that the parishes and schools may be beneficiaries of a resulting trust, since the Archdiocese, as well as the parishes and schools, have made this argument throughout the proceeding. While that issue will ultimately be determined by the Court in a subsequent proceeding, the Archdiocese is encouraged by the Court's discussion of the resulting trust issue.

While this decision has been argued and is pending, the Archdiocese has continued to engage in mediation with the survivors' Committee with the hopes that a consensual resolution of bankruptcy could be achieved while this matter remains before the Court.

The Archdiocese of Agaña affirms its commitment to providing the greatest measure of justice for the greatest number of survivors of clergy abuse on island. We are focused on negotiating a fair and equitable settlement to bring peace to the survivors of clergy sexual abuse. They have suffered deeply for many years.

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