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### NEWS RELEASE

Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission updates Santa Marian statue route/schedule; clarifies event is not a motorcade

The Archdiocese of Agaña Liturgical Commission has updated the route and schedule of the Santa Marian Kamalen statue's travel through all villages and parishes as part of the reconsecration of the island to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Commission members also wish to clarify that the trip to all parishes is not a motorcade. It will entail the statue being in one vehicle, accompanied by only one other car. Commission members kindly ask the faithful not to trail behind the statue's vehicle, for safety reasons and to avoid causing traffic congestion.

Archbishop Michael Byrnes will first reconsecrate our island to the Blessed Virgin Mary during a 5 a.m. Mass on Saturday in unity with the Catholic Church in the United States and Canada.

The Mass will be broadcast from the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica, Hagatna on KUAM TV Channel 8 as well as live-streamed on KUAM's Facebook site, the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Facebook site and the [aganacathedral.org](http://aganacathedral.org) website. The historic statue of Santa Marian Kamalen being driven throughout the island will follow.

Using the schedule and route as a guide, Catholics are encouraged to stand outside their respective homes in prayer or situate their cars by the roadsides and wave as the vehicle carrying the statue of Santa Marian Kamalen passes by. Everyone is kindly asked to strictly adhere to safety protocols related to COVID-19 and keep distances of at least six feet from one another.

The reconsecration will be done in unity with the Catholic Church in the United States which will reconsecrate itself to Mother Mary in response to the COVID-19 pandemic which has afflicted the U.S. and many parts of the world.

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