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NEWS RELEASE

Archdiocese mourns passing of beloved priest, Monsignor David I.A Quitugua

The Archdiocese of Agana mourns the passing of longtime priest, Monsignor David Ignacio Arceo Quitugua, a beloved Chamorro clergyman who served faithfully in the Catholic Church for 56 years.

Monsignor David, passed away today, Sept. 15, 2020 at the age of 84. Archbishop Michael Byrnes extends his deepest prayers and condolences to the Quitugua family, his fellow clergymen and all in our Catholic Church and community in general.

One of the most senior priests of the Archdiocese, Monsignor David was Pastor Emeritus of San Juan Bautista Catholic Church in Ordot. He had served as the pastor of San Juan Bautista since September of 1993 before his retirement in 2016.

A very kind, loving and gentle priest, Monsignor David was ordained a priest on Feb. 11, 1964 by then Bishop Apollinaris Baumgartner at the Agana Cathedral.

He celebrated his 50th golden jubilee as a priest in 2014 surrounded by numerous family members, supporters and members of his San Juan Bautista parish.

Monsignor David is also well known as one of the main founders of Guam's Catholic Social Service, a longtime faith-based non-profit organization devoted to helping the island's needy.

In May of 1975, the late Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores assigned then Father David I. A. Quitugua to supervise the resettlement program for thousands of Vietnamese refugees on Guam who were homeless and jobless. He received a "Distinguished Humanitarian Award" from the United States Catholic Conference for his work.

In an effort to respond to the social needs of Guam, then Father David founded the Catholic Social Services in 1977, and served as its first Director.

The Archdiocese will release more information regarding Masses and Rosaries in the days to come.

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