



ACCUSER: Roy Quintanilla, center, addresses the family, supporters and the media as he accuses Archbishop Anthony Apuron of molesting him 40 years ago, when he was a 12-year-old altar server. Attorney David Lujan stands at right, in the driveway of the chancery in Agana Heights on Tuesday, May 17. Matt Weiss/Post

Apuron accused of molestation

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A man has come forward and publicly accused Archbishop Anthony Apuron of molesting him 40 years ago, when he was a 12-year-old altar boy.

Roy Taitague Quintanilla gathered with family members and friends and read a letter addressed to the archbishop to

members of the media just below the Archdiocese of Hagåtña Chancery Office in Agana Heights on Tuesday, May 17.

Quintanilla, 52, alleged the archbishop molested him while he was an altar server at Mount Carmel Church in Agat when the archbishop served as the parish priest.

The letter details the incident beginning

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“I was the last of the altar boys in the van. I thought you were going to take me home like the others, but instead, you asked if I could sleep at your house.”

— Roy Taitague Quintanilla

Override veto

Vice Speaker Benjamin Cruz believes the legislature “will not fail where the governor has,” with the GovGuam retirement plan.

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Service learning hours available for FestPac

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RECYCLE: i*recycle is a program dedicated to promoting recycling islandwide in order to help the schools, help clean up our island, and help keep aluminum cans out of the island's landfill. Post file photo

The 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts is to take place May 22 through June 4. During that time, the projected number of visitors to Guam - in addition to the 3,200 delegates from at least 25 countries - is estimated to be as high as 8,000.

The impact from such an influx of visitors will be significant, according to Peggy Denney, program administrator of the i*recycle program.

Denney said an event the size of FestPac must implement aggressive recycling to effectively reduce the volume of waste generated that will end up in the landfill.

"To that end, we are soliciting volunteers to assist with recycling, predominantly at the 26 recycling stations at the Paseo/Chamorro Village site, although help will be needed at the

businesses, organizations, sports teams and the military - is needed to make this waste diversion effort a huge success," she said.

High school students who volunteer will be eligible for service learning hours. For students, service learning hours are available provided that the initiative is connected with the curriculum and a teacher is willing to approve and sign off, according to Eloise Sanchez of the Guam Department of Education.

Encouraged

If students are in need of service learning hours they should be encouraged to use the opportunity, said Chris Anderson, administrator, Student Support Services Division at GDOE.

Denney approached Anderson about the program, telling him she was desperately in need of volunteers to assist in manning the recycling stations at Paseo/Chamorro Village every day

throughout FestPac. Although it's too late for seniors, it certainly is an excellent opportunity for freshmen, sophomores and juniors to obtain hours, Denney said.

Denney added that it is imperative that the recycling stations be manned to as great an extent as possible to help people put the right things in the right bins and thus reduce after-the-fact sorting.

"When there are enough volunteers to make recycling a proactive, educational experience, it can be highly effective in raising awareness, promoting a green Guam and setting an example for our island neighbors," she said.

To volunteer to help in the FestPac recycling effort, call Peggy Denney at 483-9415. Additionally, an online volunteer signup sheet is available at www.volunteersignup.org/M9KBF and is on the i*recycle Facebook page.

other venues as well. We will be scheduling either six-hour shifts from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., or four-hour shifts from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m."

At Paseo alone, 52 volunteers per day will be needed if i*recycle proceeds with six-hour shifts, and 78 volunteers per day will be needed with four-hour shifts.

"Help from all sectors - schools,

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with a trip to the movies with all the altar boys of the parish and then each of them being dropped off at their home. "I was the last of the altar boys in the van. I thought you were going to take me home like the others, but instead, you asked if I could sleep at your house," he said, reading the letter.

He alleged that at the archbishop's house, he was told to sleep in the same room as Apuron and that Apuron grabbed his private parts.

He said after the alleged incident, he didn't sleep that night and was too afraid to move because he thought Apuron would do more things to him. He said he curled up and cried, and "Never stopped crying."

Quintanilla said he is not sure Apuron remembers him.

He said he wishes for closure, a public apology, acknowledgment and for the archbishop to step down from his position.

Quintanilla also said he hopes other alleged victims will come forward.

Quintanilla was joined by his sister Josephine Redmond, his brother Anthony Quintanilla and his niece Sharlene Santos Bamba. The family members spoke on Roy Quintanilla's behalf and offered their support.

After reading the letter, Roy Quintanilla delivered it to the Chancery Office.



LETTER: Roy Quintanilla, right, delivers a letter addressed to Archbishop Anthony Apuron at the Archdiocese of Hagåtña chancery office Tuesday, May 17. The letter accuses Apuron of molesting Quintanilla 40 years ago, when he was a 12-year-old altar boy. Matt Weiss/Post

Archdiocese statement

The Archdiocese of Agana released the following statement at 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday:

"In the spirit of commitment set by Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of Agana affirms its commitment

to upholding its Sexual Misconduct and Harassment Policy, and assures the Faithful that in light of the recent allegations of sexual abuse by Roy Quintanilla, dating back 40 years ago to Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in Agat, that proper steps

have been initiated, as outlined and guided by our policy. Deacon Larry Claros, the Sexual Abuse Response Coordinator, has been informed and is coordinating a response, which includes convening the Archdiocesan Review Board."



Public Notice Announcement

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