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CHANCERY NOTICE

PUBLIC DENOUNCEMENT

It has been brought to the Archbishop's attention that a former Jesuit priest, Fr. Justin Joannis, is currently conducting priestly ministry at his private residence in Kimanis, Papar. This includes the celebration of Masses and the administration of the Sacrament of Confession.

By virtue of authorization from the Superior General of the Society of Jesus in Rome, Fr. Justin Joannis had been given **Decree of Non Petitioned Dismissal** on 10th October 2019, issued by the Major Superior General of the Society of Jesus for Malaysia-Singapore Region.

The Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu hereby denounces any association with Fr. Justin Joannis and reaffirms the stipulation that, while Fr. Justin Joannis is still a priest, he is legally forbidden to exercise the Sacred Orders (Canon Law 1333). Catholics, therefore, are urged to avoid attending the illicit masses and other priestly ministries performed by Fr. Justin Joannis.

Yours Sincerely,

Rev. Fr. Wilfred Atin

Chancellor,
Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu.

