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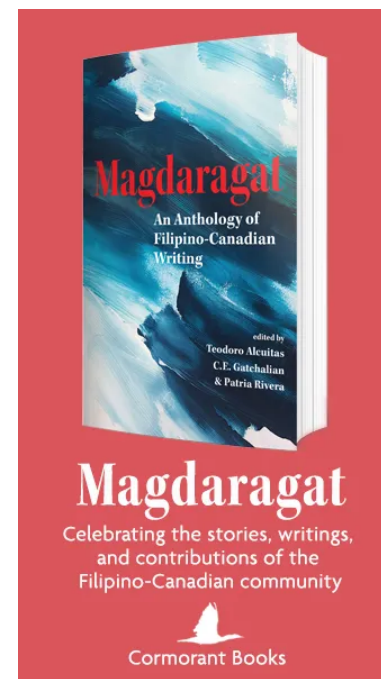

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Fr. Terry Sarmiento served in the Archdiocese of Vancouver in 1977 and returned to the Archdiocese of Manila in 1980. (Facebook photo: St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Singalong, Manila)

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Today, Dec. 17, Pope Francis abolished the pontifical secret for cases of sexual abuse against minors continuing his path to transparency.

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Msgr. Terry Sarmiento named in sexual abuse report

Analysis

By Ted Alcuitas

A Filipino priest who served in the Vancouver Archdiocese in the 70s was named as one of several priests involved in sexual abuse in a report released by the archdiocese on Nov. 24, 2019.

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Msgr. Antero ‘Terry’ Sarmiento , who died in the Philippines at the age 87 on February 7, 2019, was named in the report as one of those whose case was settled. According to the report commissioned by Vancouver Archbishop Michael Miller, “complaints of inappropriate behaviour about Sarmiento were made to the archdiocese in 1980, at which time he abruptly returned to Manila, which had allowed him to work on loan to Vancouver since 1977. Police received an arrest warrant on three charges of indecent assault in 2004, but he refused to return for questioning.”



Antero Sarmiento (born 1931, died 2019)

Complaints of inappropriate behavior were made to the Archdiocese in 1980, at which time Sarmiento returned abruptly to the Archdiocese of Manila, which had allowed him to work on loan to Vancouver since 1977. Police obtained an arrest warrant on three charges of indecent assault in 2004, but he refused to return here for questioning by police despite the Archbishop of Vancouver’s requests to his own bishop. Three subsequent civil lawsuits by his victim/survivors were settled by the Archdiocese in recent years.

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Edwin Budiman (born 1942)

In 2007, he was charged with two criminal sexual offences involving minors. Both charges were later stayed by the Crown but measures pursuant to the Church’s own law (canon law) led first to his removal as pastor, then to restrictions on his ministry and private life that were increased in April 2019, when he was strictly prohibited from all public ministry and counselling activities, and from wearing clerical dress

Screen shot of archdiocesan report.

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He is the second Filipino priest named in a sexual abuse case in British Columbia. Fr. Erlindo 'Lindo' Molon is on trial for an alleged sexual assault while serving in the Kamloops archdiocese in the 70s. The trial is ongoing in Vancouver.

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A former Kamloops priest, Fr. Erlindo 'Lindo' Molon is facing trial in BC Supreme Court for alleged sexual abuse. This picture appeared in the Archdiocese of Kingston newsletter in 2010. (National Post) Vancouver, B.C. Founder of Vancouver-based 'Gimilami' accused of sexual assault Analysis By Ted

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James Carney was the archbishop of Vancouver at the time Fr. Sarmiento was serving in the archdiocese.

Sarmiento used to write a popular column in Silangan, (the Winnipeg-based Filipino paper published by Ted Alcuitas) while he was serving in Vancouver in 1977. He abruptly stopped writing and word was that he returned to Manila to his old parish. Nothing was said about his case until this release from the archdiocese.

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A composite by artist Danny Laureano of Silangan's fourth anniversary issue in February 1980 showing Fr. Sarmiento on the left. (Silangan archives)

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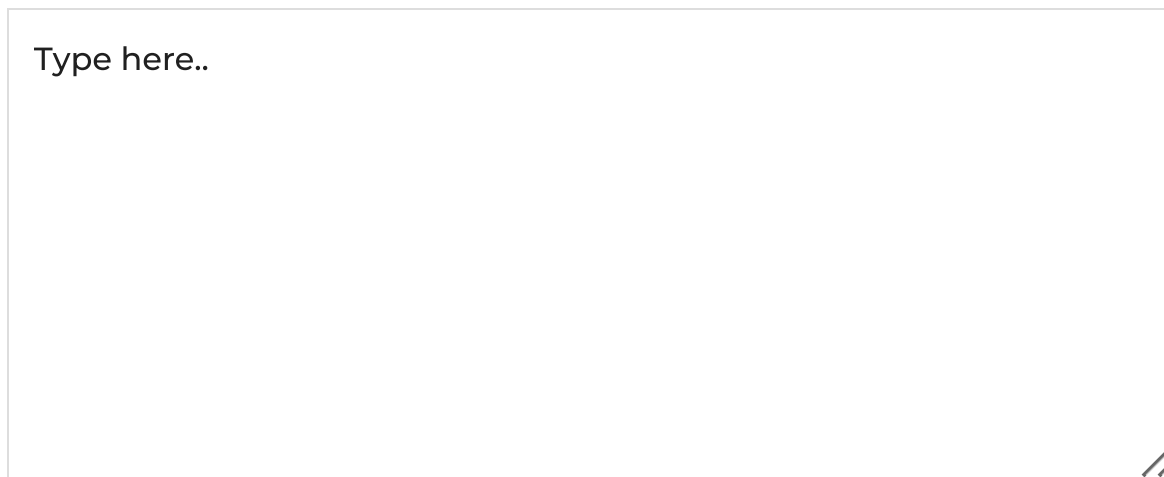
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