HÅFA ADAI PLEDGE SIGNING

First baptized adult Chamorro: Kepuha (Quipuha)

Håfa Adai Pledge Signing held at Triple Shot Coffee House in Agana Mall, Guam. Members of the Chamorro Art Association and Red Rice Restaurant at the center of the island, near Paseo in Hagåtña.

Kepuha became the first Chamorro to be baptized after he gave Padre Diego Luis de San Vitores the authority and land to start a mission in Hagåtña. San Vitores’ mission led to the Spanish-Chamorro Wars and eventually solidified the prominence of the Catholic Church in the Marianas Islands. Kepuha was appointed protector of the Hagåtña mission, and the Spanish gave him the title of Don Juan Kepuha. The Hagåtña church, built of stone and lime, was named Dulce Nombre de Maria and was formally opened on February 2, 1669. A and lime, was named Dulce Nombre de Maria

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