Dear Survivors and Other Creditors,

We are approaching an important milestone in the reorganization process. I know it has been a long and arduous road and I thank you for your patience in this process.

As you are aware, with the assistance of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”), we have filed the Debtor’s First Amended Plan of Reorganization Dated November 3, 2022 (the “Plan”). The Plan will allow us to conclude many legal aspects of the reorganization case so that we can focus on moving with you toward closure, reconciliation and healing. This will also include our financial reorganization. I am grateful that we have found common ground with the Committee and the survivors, and I look forward to the process of rebuilding relationships and moving forward with our ministry. This can be made possible if you are in favor of the Plan, and I ask you to affirm the plan by using the enclosed ballot with the packet you are receiving with this letter.

The fact that we are working together with the Committee and with the attorneys who represent a significant number of the survivors suggests there is real hope for the future. The Plan includes monetary compensation for the survivors. The Plan also includes “non-monetary covenants” which are procedures for moving forward that were agreed upon by the Committee and the Archdiocese. We know these are an important aspect of any healing process and both parties worked hard to arrive at a consensual agreement in this matter.

This process was the result of numerous mediations and the participation of many parties. We are now in the position to move forward. I again extend my sincerest apologies to each of you who have suffered so much because of clergy sexual abuse. Just because the reorganization process is coming to a close, my commitment to continue to offer healing will not go away. I recommit myself to the mission of healing in the name of Christ and of the Church.

I kindly ask you to support the Plan.

Sincerely yours in the Peace of Christ,

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Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe