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10 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
11 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, FRESNO DIVISION

12 In re
13 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
FRESNO,
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15 Debtor-In-Possession

Case No. 25-12231-B-11
Chapter 11
DCN: MB-27

**NOTICE OF BAR DATE FOR FILING A
GENERAL PROOF OF CLAIM¹**

16 **TO ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WITH CLAIMS AGAINST THE ROMAN
CATHOLIC BISHOP OF FRESNO:**
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18 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on July 1, 2025 (the “Petition Date”), The Roman Catholic
Bishop of Fresno aka the Diocese of Fresno (the “Debtor”), the debtor and debtor in possession in
19 the above-captioned case (the “Bankruptcy Case”), filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter
11 of title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District
of California (the “Court”). Information related to this Bankruptcy Case may be obtained online at:
20 <https://www.bankruptcy.angeiongroup.com/rcbf/>.

21 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Court entered an order (the “Bar Date
Order”) establishing **February 2, 2026**, as the claims bar date (“Bar Date”). In Section III of this
22 notice (this “General Bar Date Notice”), you will find directions for filing, by mail and
electronically, a proof of claim against the Debtor.
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24 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that for your convenience, the Debtor has enclosed
with this General Bar Date Notice a proof of claim form (the “General Proof of Claim”). You may
also obtain a copy of the General Proof of Claim online by visiting:
25 <https://bankruptcy.angeiongroup.com/Clients/rcbf/Static/POC> or by contacting Donlin, Recano &
Company, LLC, at the email address or telephone number listed at the end of this General Bar Date
26 Notice.

27 ¹ Survivor Claimants will receive a separate notice with additional instructions for filing confidential
Survivor Claim Forms.
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1 **KEY DEFINITIONS**

2 As used in this General Creditor Bar Date Notice, the terms:

- 3 1. “Entity” has the meaning given to it in 11 U.S.C. § 101(15), and includes all persons
4 (individuals, partnerships, and corporations), estates, trusts, Governmental Units, and the
5 United States Trustee.
- 6 2. “Governmental Unit” has the meaning given to it in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27), and includes the
7 United States, states, commonwealths, districts, territories, municipalities, foreign states, or
8 departments, agencies, or instrumentalities of the foregoing.
- 9 3. “Claim” shall mean, as to or against the Debtor and in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 101(5):
10 (i) any right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated,
11 unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable,
12 secured, or unsecured; or (ii) any right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if
13 such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy
14 is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed,
15 secured, or unsecured.

11 **PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS**

12 Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before July 1, 2025, must be
13 received on or prior to the Bar Date, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain, or
14 did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before July 1, 2025.

15 **PLEASE BE ADVISED that individuals asserting Claims arising from abuse for which
16 such individuals believe The Roman Catholic Bishop of Fresno may be liable are instructed to
17 file a confidential Survivor Claim Form as described in the Bar Date Order and the Survivor
18 Bar Date Notice. Claimants may obtain copies of the Survivor Claim Form from the Debtor’s
19 Claims and Noticing Agent, Donlin, Recano & Company, LLC, online at
20 <https://bankruptcy.angeiongroup.com/Clients/rcbf/Static/SurvivorClaims>.**

21 **PLEASE BE FURTHER ADVISED that a Claimant should consult an attorney if the
22 Claimant has any questions, including whether such Claimant must file a Claim by submitting
23 a General Proof of Claim.**

24 **I. WHAT IS THE BAR DATE AND WHO MUST FILE A GENERAL PROOF OF
25 CLAIM?**

26 ***The Bar Date:*** The Bar Date Order establishes **February 2, 2026**, as the deadline for filing
27 proofs of claim by submitting a General Proof of Claim in this Bankruptcy Case. The Bar Date
28 applies as follows:

- 1. **All Entities.** Except as set forth below, pursuant to the Bar Date Order, all Entities, including
Governmental Units (as defined by 11 U.S.C. § 101(27)), holding Claims against the Debtor
(whether secured, unsecured, priority, or unsecured nonpriority) that arose or are deemed to
have arisen prior to July 1, 2025, are required to file their Claims by submitting a General
Proof of Claim on or before the Bar Date, **February 2, 2026**.

Entities that MUST file Claims by submitting a General Proof of Claim by the Bar Date:
Except as set forth in paragraph 2 below, the following Entities must file a Claim on or
before the Bar Date:

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- a. Any person or entity holding a prepetition Claim against the Debtor that is not listed on the Debtor’s Schedules of Assets and Liabilities (“Schedules”) or whose prepetition Claim is listed in the Schedules but is listed as “disputed,” “contingent,” or “unliquidated,” and who desires to participate in this case or share in any distribution in this case, including Claims based on 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9); and
- b. Any person or entity who believes that its pre-petition Claim is improperly classified in the Schedules or is listed in an incorrect amount and who desires to have its claim allowed in a classification or amount other than that identified in the Schedules, including Claims based on 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9).

2. **Entities NOT Required to File Claims by the Bar Date:** The Bar Date order further provides that the following Entities need not file a Claim by submitting a General Proof of Claim by the Bar Date:

- a. Any person or entity that has already properly filed a proof of claim for their Claim against the Debtor by filing a General Proof of Claim with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California or with Donlin, Recano & Company, LLC, the Debtor’s Claims and Noticing Agent;
- b. Any person or entity: (i) whose Claim is listed in the Schedules or any amendments thereto, and (ii) whose Claim is not described therein as “disputed,” “contingent,” or “unliquidated,” and (iii) who does not dispute the amount or classification of its Claim as set forth in the Schedules;
- c. Professionals retained by the Debtor or the Committee pursuant to orders of this Court, who assert administrative claims for payment of fees and expenses subject to the Court’s approval pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330, 331, and 503(b);
- d. Any person or entity that asserts a Claim for administrative expenses against the Debtor under 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1) through (b)(8);
- e. Any person or entity whose Claim against the Debtor has been allowed by an order of the Court entered on or before the Bar Date;
- f. Any person or entity whose Claim has been paid in full;
- g. Any holder of a Claim for which a separate deadline is (or has been) fixed by the Court; and
- h. The United States Trustee for quarterly fees under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6).

II. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

Any entity that is required to file a Claim by submitting a General Proof of Claim, but fails to do so by the Bar Date described in this General Bar Date Notice: (i) may not be treated as a creditor with respect to such Claim for the purposes of voting on and sharing in a distribution under any chapter 11 plan proposed and/or confirmed in this Bankruptcy Case; and (ii) may be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such Claim against the Debtor (or filing a proof of claim with respect thereto), and the Debtor and its property may be forever discharged from any and all indebtedness or liability with respect to such Claim.

1 **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

2 The Debtor reserves the right to: (i) dispute, or to assert offsets or defenses against, any filed
3 Claim or any Claim listed or reflected in the Schedules as to nature, amount, liability, classification,
4 or otherwise; and (ii) subsequently designate any Claim as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated.
Nothing contained in this General Bar Date Notice shall preclude the Debtor from objecting to any
5 Claim, whether scheduled or filed, on any grounds.

6 **III. PROCEDURE FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM**

7 Unless one of the exceptions described in **Section I, Paragraph 2** applies, you **MUST** assert
8 your Claim by submitting an original General Proof of Claim by mail, overnight delivery, courier
9 or hand delivery, or electronically, so that it is received by the Bar Date as follows:

10 **If General Proof of Claim is sent by mail, to:**

11 Donlin, Recano & Company, LLC
12 Re: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Fresno
13 P.O. Box 2053
14 New York, NY 10272-2042

15 **If General Proof of Claim is sent by Hand Delivery or Overnight Courier, to:**

16 Donlin, Recano & Company, LLC
17 c/o Angeion Group
18 Re: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Fresno
19 200 Vesey Street, 24th Floor
20 New York, NY 10281

21 **If General Proof of Claim is submitted electronically:**

22 <https://bankruptcy.angeiongroup.com/Clients/rcbf/FileClaim>

23 Any General Proof of Claim submitted by facsimile or email **will not** be accepted and **will**
24 **not** be deemed filed until the Claim is submitted by the method described above.

25 All General Proof of Claim must be signed by the creditor, or if the creditor is not an
26 individual, by an authorized agent of the creditor. The General Proof of Claim must be written in
27 English and be denominated in United States currency. In addition, all General Proof of Claim must
28 include all documentation required by Rules 3001(c) and 3001(d), including an original or a copy
of any written document that forms the basis of the Claim, or for secured Claims, evidence that the
alleged security interest has been perfected. If you wish to receive acknowledgment of receipt of
your General Proof of Claim, you must also submit by the Bar Date, and concurrently with
submission of your original General Proof of Claim: (i) one additional copy of your original General
Proof of Claim; and (ii) a self-addressed, stamped return envelope.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. You may be listed as the holder of a Claim against the Debtor in the Schedules. If
you choose to rely on the Schedules, it is your responsibility to determine that the claim is accurately
listed in the Schedules. If you hold or assert a Claim that is not listed in the Schedules or if you
disagree with the amount or priority of your Claim as listed in the Schedules, or your claim is listed
in the Schedules as either contingent, unliquidated, or disputed, you must file a proof of claim.
Copies of the Schedules and the Bar Date Order are available online at the following address:
<https://www.bankruptcy.angeiongroup.com/rcbf/>.

