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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,
14 Debtor-In-Possession

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

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING
CLAIMS RELATING TO OR ARISING
FROM SEXUAL ABUSE**

17 **TO ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WITH CLAIMS ARISING FROM SEXUAL ABUSE
FOR WHICH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF FRESNO MAY BE LIABLE:**

18 **FEBRUARY 2, 2026, IS THE LAST DAY TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM FOR**
19 **CLAIMS RELATING TO OR ARISING FROM SEXUAL ABUSE.**

20 **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
21 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
22 of California (the “Court”). Information related to this Bankruptcy Case may be obtained online at:
<https://www.bankruptcy.angeiongroup.com/rcbf/>. Any person who believes that he, she, or they
23 has, or may have, a claim arising from Abuse (described below) for which the person believes the
Debtor may be liable (each, a “Survivor Claim”) should carefully read this notice.

24 **KEY DEFINITIONS**

25 The following definitions apply for the purposes of filing a Survivor Claim against the Debtor:

- 26 1. “Survivor Claim” is defined as any Claim (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(5) and above)
27 against the Debtor resulting or arising or related to in whole or in part, directly or indirectly
from any actual or alleged sexual conduct or misconduct, grooming, sexual abuse or
28 molestation, indecent assault and/or battery, rape, pedophilia, ephebophilia, or sexually-

1 related physical, psychological, or emotional harm, or contacts, or interactions of a sexual
2 nature between a child and an adult, or a nonconsenting adult and another adult, sexual
3 assault, sexual battery, sexual psychological or emotional abuse, humiliation, intimidation,
4 any other conduct constituting a sexual offense, or any other sexual misconduct, and seeking
5 monetary damages or any other relief based upon the conduct described above, under any
6 theory of liability, including but not limited to, vicarious liability, any negligence-based
7 theory, conspiracy, fraudulent concealment, intentional tort, continuing tort, public nuisance,
8 invasion of privacy, breach of alleged duties imposed by *The Charter for the Protection of*
9 *Children and Young People*, Canon Law, or other Church documents or principles,
10 contribution, indemnity, or any other theory based on any acts or failure to act the Debtor is
11 or may be responsible, including but not limited to, claims against clergy, deacons,
12 seminarians, employees, teachers, or volunteers. A Survivor Claim includes all claims for
13 Childhood Sexual Assault, as that term is defined by Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 340.1(c).

- 14 2. “Survivor Claimant” is defined as the person asserting a Survivor Claim against the Debtor,
15 or if a minor or legally incapacitated adult, then his/her/their parent or legal guardian or
16 custodian.
- 17 3. “Abuse” means any conduct giving rise to a Survivor Claim.

18 **I. FILING DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

19 The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California entered an order
20 (the “Bar Date Order”) establishing **February 2, 2026**, as the last day (the “Survivor Bar Date”) for
21 each Survivor Claimant to file (1) a mandatory, three-page “Official Form 410” (“Survivor Proof of
22 Claim”), and (2) an **optional** Survivor Supplement (“Survivor Supplement” and together with a
23 Survivor Proof of Claim, the “Survivor Claim Form”), both of which are **confidential**. The Survivor
24 Bar Date and the procedures set forth below for filing proofs of claim apply to all Survivor Claims
25 against the Debtor.

26 **II. WHO MUST FILE**

27 If you believe that you have a Survivor Claim, you must file a Survivor Proof of Claim (the
28 enclosed Official Form 410) to maintain and/or preserve any claims that you have against the Debtor
and are strongly encouraged to also complete the optional Survivor Supplement and include it as an
attachment to your Survivor Proof of Claim. Even if you have already filed a lawsuit against the
Debtor alleging Abuse, you must still file a Survivor Claim to maintain and/or preserve your rights
in the Debtor’s chapter 11 case. No other material is required except the Survivor Proof of Claim
(Official Form 410) but you are encouraged to provide the additional information requested in the
enclosed optional Survivor Supplement.

III. WHAT TO FILE

**FILE A SURVIVOR PROOF OF CLAIM (OFFICIAL FORM 410) AND AN
OPTIONAL SURVIVOR SUPPLEMENT, COPIES OF WHICH ARE ENCLOSED. YOU
MAY ALSO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SURVIVOR PROOF OF CLAIM AND SURVIVOR
SUPPLEMENT BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW. ALL SURVIVOR
PROOFS OF CLAIM AND SURVIVOR SUPPLEMENTS FILED BY A SURVIVOR
CLAIMANT WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AS DESCRIBED BELOW.**

1 **IV. PROCEDURES FOR FILING A SURVIVOR CLAIM FORM**

2 To submit a Survivor Claim Form:

- 3 1. Fill out the Survivor Proof of Claim, and if you so choose, the optional Survivor Supplement.
4 A copy of each are provided with this Survivor Bar Date Notice, and can also be obtained
online at: <https://bankruptcy.angeiongroup.com/Clients/rcbf/Static/SurvivorClaims>.
- 5 2. Survivor Claimants are strongly encouraged to complete and submit the optional Survivor
6 Supplement to the Survivor Proof of Claim. Providing all of the information requested in
7 this Survivor Supplement in full will allow the Debtor to understand the facts supporting
8 your Survivor Claim against the Debtor. This information will be used by the Debtor, the
9 Committee, and other parties in interest bound by the strictest confidentiality agreements in,
among other things, their efforts to consensually resolve the issues in this Bankruptcy Case.
10 Additionally, providing the information requested in the Survivor Supplement may reduce
11 the likelihood that parties to the Bankruptcy Case will need to seek more information from
12 you at some later date under more formal procedures (e.g., deposition, written
13 interrogatories, or other methods of discovery).
- 14 3. For additional copies of the Survivor Proof of Claim or Survivor Supplement: (a) photocopy
15 the Survivor Proof of Claim or Survivor Supplement; (b) contact the Debtor's claims and
16 noticing agent Donlin, Recano & Company, LLC, via email at rcbfinfo@angeiongroup.com
17 or by phone at 1-800-813-0529, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing
Eastern Time), Monday through Friday, or (c) visit Donlin, Recano & Company, LLC's
18 website at <https://www.bankruptcy.angeiongroup.com/Clients/rcbf/Static/SurvivorClaims/>.
- 19 4. **Please note that the Debtor's staff is not permitted to give legal advice. You should
20 consult your own attorney for assistance regarding any other inquiries, such as
21 questions concerning the completion or filing of a proof of claim.**
- 22 5. Return the original, completed and executed Survivor Claim Form (mandatory Survivor
23 Proof of Claim and, if you so choose, the Survivor Supplement) **so that it is received** by
24 **February 2, 2026**, as follows:

25 **If Survivor Claim Form is sent by mail, to:**

26 Donlin, Recano & Company, LLC
27 Re: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Fresno
28 P.O. Box 2053
New York, NY 10272-2042

If Survivor Claim Form is sent by Hand Delivery or Overnight Courier, to:

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

If Survivor Claim Form is submitted electronically:

<https://bankruptcy.angeiongroup.com/Clients/rcbf/FileSurvivorClaim>.

6. **Do not file** any component of the Survivor Claim Form (the Survivor Proof of Claim or the
optional Survivor Supplement) with the Bankruptcy Court.

