

Multimillion Dollar Proposed Plan to Pay Sexual Abuse Claims in the Archdiocese of New Orleans Bankruptcy

Your rights could be impacted if you have sexual abuse claims against Catholic parishes, schools, or ministries. File your claim by December 2, 2025.

The Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans (“**Archdiocese**”) and 157 affiliated Catholic organizations (“**Catholic Entities**”) have agreed to compensate people who claim they were sexually abused by clergy or church personnel.

The Catholic Entities include Catholic parishes, schools, academies, Catholic Charities organizations, and other ministries. They plan to file for bankruptcy if at least two-thirds of sexual abuse claimants who vote support the Joint Plan. A complete list is available at www.NOLAchurchclaims.com or by calling 1-877-476-4389.

What is the Joint Plan?

A Settlement Trust will be created to pay sexual abuse claimants. More money may be added from the sale of Church property or additional insurance settlements from a non-settling insurer. The Archdiocese has also asked the Court to approve separate settlement agreements with certain insurers that would add millions of dollars to the Trust. These agreements will only take effect if the Court confirms the Joint Plan and approves the settlement motion. The Joint Plan also includes rules for how money will be distributed and protections for children. If the Joint Plan is approved, you cannot sue the Archdiocese, Catholic Entities, or all but one of their insurers in the future. If the Joint Plan is approved, it will block any future claims against any insurance company except the non-settling insurer—even under Louisiana’s “direct action” law that normally allows lawsuits against them.

Who is eligible to receive money?

If you experienced sexual abuse involving the Archdiocese or any of the Catholic Entities, you may be eligible to receive money from the Settlement Trust. If you already filed an Abuse Proof of Claim in this bankruptcy case or filed and served a lawsuit against the Archdiocese or any of the Catholic Entities by **August 14, 2025**, your claim already includes the Catholic Entities—you do not need to file again.

If you have not yet filed a claim or lawsuit against the Catholic Entities, you must do so by **December 2, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Central Time** to preserve your right to compensation. Missing the deadline may result in the permanent loss of your right to receive money from the Settlement Trust.

“Sexual abuse” includes unwanted sexual behavior, contact, comments, or any behavior—whether or not you realized it was abuse at the time.

How to file a claim, vote on the Plan, or object?

File a claim online at www.NOLAchurchclaims.com, download a claim form from the website, or call 1-877-476-4389 to request one by mail. If you file a claim by October 15, 2025, you may vote to accept or reject the Joint Plan. If you file a claim after October 15 but before December 2, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Central Time, you will not be able to vote, but you may be entitled to compensation if the Joint Plan is approved. You may also object to the Plan to tell the Court what you don’t like about it. The Court has set a hearing to consider whether to confirm of the Joint Plan.

Key Deadlines: Vote by **October 29, 2025**. File objections by **October 30, 2025**. Confirmation hearing begins: **November 12, 2025**, at **9:00 a.m. Central Time**.

The case is called *In re: The Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans* (Bankr. E.D. La.). More details are available at www.NOLAchurchclaims.com or by calling toll-free 1-877-476-4389.

Your information will be kept private.