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16	In re:	Case No. 24-21326		
17	THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SACRAMENTO,	Chapter 11		
18	Debtor-In-Possession.	DCN: FWP-1 (App for Order Shortening Time) FWP-2 (Cash Management)		
19		FWP-3 (Payroll) FWP-4 (Insurance)		
20		FWP-5 (Utilities) FWP-6 (Limit Notice)		
21		FWP-7 (Survivor Assistance) FWP-8 (Claims and Noticing Agent)		
22		Date: April 4, 2024		
23		Time: 10:00 a.m.		
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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that The Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento, a California corporation sole, the debtor in possession ("RCBS" or "Debtor in Possession"), in the above-captioned bankruptcy case (the "Bankruptcy Case") has filed eight motions seeking immediate relief. These eight critical motions (hereafter referred to collectively as the "First-Day Motions") seek entry of orders granting the relief described below, and such other relief as is just and appropriate. A summary of each First-Day Motion and the relief sought is set forth below.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to an order of the Court shortening time, hearings on the First-Day Motions are scheduled for April 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (the "First-Day Hearings"), in the Courtroom of the Honorable Christopher M. Klein, United States Bankruptcy Judge, 501 I Street, Courtroom 35 (Department C), Sacramento, California, 95814, at which hearings the Court will hear and consider approval of the First Day Motions. Opposition and comments, if any may be made at the First Day Hearing. If you do not want the Court to grant the relief sought in the First Day Motions, or if you want the Court to consider your views on the First-Day Motions, then you should appear at the First-Day Hearings to state your views. You may also file and serve written opposition in advance of the First-Day Hearings.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all matters will be conducted simultaneously: (1) In Person, at Sacramento Courtroom #35, (2) via ZoomGov Video, (3) via ZoomGov Telephone, and (4) via CourtCall. You may choose any of these options. Parties who wish to appear at a hearing remotely should sign up by 4:00 p.m. one business day prior to the hearing. Information regarding how to sign up can be found on the Remote Appearances page of the court's website at https://www.caeb.uscourts.gov/Calendar/RemoteAppearances. Each party who has signed up will receive a Zoom link or phone number, meeting I.D., and password via e-mail. If the deadline to sign up has passed, parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the Courtroom Deputy for the Department holding the hearing. Telephonic appearances may be arranged at least 24 hours in advance of calendared hearings through court conference at 1-866-582-6878.

The First Day Motions are supported by the *Declaration of Thomas McNamara in Support* of Chapter 11 Petition and First Day Motions ("McNamara Background Decl."), the *Declaration*

of Stephen J. Greene in Support of Chapter 11 Petition and First Day Motions ("Greene Decl."), and the additional declarations of Thomas McNamara in support of each motion. The First Day Motions are filed and served herewith. Filed motion papers can also be obtained for free from the website maintained by Donlin Recano, the Debtor's Claims and Noticing Agent for the Debtor in Possession, at this web address: https://www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsacramento. The titles of each of the First Day Motions followed by a summary description of the relief requested in each First Day Motion, are as follows:

I. (FWP-1) APPLICATION FOR ORDER: (1) MODIFYING L.B.R. 9014-1(d) TO ALLOW THE FILING AND SERVICE OF AN OMNIBUS NOTICE FOR THE FIRST-DAY MOTIONS; (2) SHORTENING THE TIME PERIOD FOR NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST-DAY MOTIONS; AND (3) MODIFYING L.B.R. 9014-1(d)(5) TO ALLOW REQUESTS FOR RELIEF TO BE JOINED IN A SINGLE MOTION

The Debtor in Possession applies for an Order: (1) modifying Local Bankruptcy Rule (L.B.R.) 9014-1(d) to allow the filing and service of an omnibus notice for the first-day motions (the "First-Day Motions") to be filed by the Debtor in Possession; (2) shortening the time period for notice and setting the First Day Motions for hearing (the "Hearing") on the first week of April, preferably April 4, 2024; such that, service of all documents for the First-Day Motions on the 20 largest unsecured creditors, the secured creditors if any, the Office of the United States Trustee, the Internal Revenue Service, corresponding state agencies, as well as other governmental agencies, to the extent required by the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California, and those persons who have formally appeared and requested service in this case pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002, by email, facsimile, mail, or overnight delivery, by April 2, 2024 shall be deemed sufficient to have the matter heard at the Hearing; and (3) modifying L.B.R. 9014-1(d)(5) to allow requests for relief to be joined in a single motion.

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- II. (FWP-2) DEBTOR IN POSSESSION'S EMERGENCY MOTION FOR INTERIM AND FINAL ORDERS (1) AUTHORIZING CONTINUED USE OF EXISTING CASH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, OPERATIONAL BANK ACCOUNTS AND RELATED INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS; (2) AUTHORIZING MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING BUSINESS FORMS, (3) EXCUSING COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 345(b); (4) AUTHORIZING CONTINUED USE OF CURRENT INVESTMENT POLICY; AND (5) SCHEDULING A FINAL HEARING
- 1. The Debtor in Possession moves the Court for entry of an interim and final order: (1) authorizing the continued use of existing cash management system, operational bank accounts and related investment accounts; (2) authorizing the maintenance of existing business forms, (3) excusing compliance with section 345(b); (4) authorizing continued use of current investment policy; and (5) scheduling a Final Hearing (the "Cash Management Motion").
- 2. By the Cash Management Motion, the Debtor in Possession seeks, *inter alia*, entry of an order: (a) waiving the Bankruptcy Local Rules and United States Trustee Guidelines ("<u>UST Guidelines</u>") to the extent necessary in order for the Debtor in Possession to continue its use of its existing cash management system, (b) authorizing the Debtor in Possession to continue using, as needed, its prepetition Bank Accounts (defined below) and business forms, including a waiver of the requirement that the legend "debtor in possession" be imprinted on any existing checks and business forms, and (c) authorizing the Debtor in Possession to continue the use of its existing cash management system and accounting policies and practices. The Debtor in Possession also seeks to continue using its commercial pre-funded credit cards, debit cards, and investment policies during this Bankruptcy Case, without posting any bonds as required under section 345(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor in Possession seeks this authorization to ensure its orderly transition into bankruptcy and to help administer its operations efficiently while avoiding the disruptions, distractions, delays, and significant expense that otherwise would inevitably divert the Debtor in Possession's attention from urgent matters during the initial stages of its bankruptcy case.
- 3. As described in the Cash Management Motion, all of the relevant banks where the RCBS's bank accounts (the "Bank Accounts") are located are FDIC-insured banking institutions that have complied with the United States Trustee's (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") special depository procedures under Bankruptcy Code section 345 and are on the U.S. Trustee's list of authorized

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depositories for the Eastern District of California. The Debtor in Possession will use its best efforts to have these accounts designated as "Debtor in Possession" to the extent possible by the relevant banks.

- 4. The Debtor in Possession also has certain investment, money market, and certificate deposit accounts (the "Investment Accounts") that the Debtor in Possession requests Court authority to continue to maintain without the need to comply strictly with Bankruptcy Code Section 345: its Christian Brothers Investment Services, Inc. ("CBIS Accounts"), its Merrill Lynch Investment Accounts, and its River City Bank CD Account. These Investment Accounts yield between 0% and 20% per year.
- 5. The RCBS's current cash management system has been in place substantially in its current form for the last 25 years. The RCBS has implemented the cash management system described in the Cash Management Motion to ensure the orderly management of the RCBS's operations. Due to the complicated nature of the RCBS's cash management system, the Debtor in Possession respectfully requests that it be authorized to continue to operate the cash management system in the ordinary course of business.

III. **FOR ORDER:** (1)**AUTHORIZING** EPETITION WAGES, SALARIES, AND EMPLOYEE EXPENSES; (2) TO PAY CRUED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND TAXES; AND (3) DIRECTING BANKS TO HONOR PAYROLL AND EXPENSE CHECKS

- 1. The Debtor in Possession moves the Court for entry of an order: (1) authorizing the Debtor in Possession to pay prepetition wages, salaries and employee expenses, (2) authorizing the Debtor in Possession to pay accrued employee benefits and taxes, and (3) directing banks to honor payroll and expense reimbursement checks (the "Payroll Motion").
- 2. By the Payroll Motion, the Debtor in Possession requests entry of an order that: (i) authorizes but does not direct the Debtor in Possession to pay Employee Obligations, Employee Deductions and Employee Expenses (each as defined in the Payroll Motion); (ii) authorizes but does not direct the Debtor in Possession to continue its practices, programs and policies in effect as of the Petition Date with respect to all Employee Obligations (including allowing employees to use paid time off accrued, but unused, as of the Petition Date), Employee Deductions and Employee

- Expenses; and (iii) authorizes and directs the bank at which the Debtor in Possession maintains an account from which the Debtor in Possession's payroll obligations are disbursed and all other banks or lending institutions maintaining payroll and employee benefits accounts, to honor and pay all prepetition and post-petition checks issued or to be issued and fund transfers requested or to be requested, by the Debtor in Possession in respect of the Employee Obligations, Employee Deductions and Employee Expenses.
- 3. The Debtor in Possession also seeks authority to issue new post-petition checks or fund transfer requests with respect to pre-petition obligations that may have been dishonored by the banks relating to the Employee Obligations, Employee Deductions and Employee Expenses, if necessary.
- 4. The Payroll Motion seeks authorization to pay employees only such amounts that are entitled to priority claim status up to \$15,150 under the provisions of Bankruptcy Code sections 507(a)(4) and (a)(5). The RCBS believes that approval of the Payroll Motion is critical to the Debtor in Possession's operations, and that the amounts at issue are fairly de minimis in the context of the Bankruptcy Case.
- 5. The RCBS has approximately 63 full-time and 37 part-time lay employees, and 9 clergy. The Debtor in Possession does not believe that it will have any accrued and unpaid prepetition payroll as of the Petition Date, and projects that if there are such unpaid amounts they would not exceed \$30,000. The Debtor in Possession projects it will have approximately \$325,000 in accrued and unpaid vacation pay entitled to priority that the Debtor in Possession intends to pay its employees in the future based upon their respective accruals as such time is taken. The Debtor in Possession further seeks authority to continue other employee benefits, including health, dental, vision and retirement, which RCBS believes are current.

IV. (FWP-4) DEBTOR IN POSSESSION'S EMERGENCY MOTION TO CONTINUE INSURANCE PROGRAMS

- 1. The Debtor in Possession moves the Court for authority to continue its insurance programs ("Insurance Motion").
 - 2. By the Insurance Motion, the Debtor in Possession requests entry of the Proposed

Order, pursuant to sections 363, 1112(b), and 105 of the Bankruptcy Code, authorizing the Debtor in Possession in the ordinary course of business to: (i) continue administering the Insurance Programs (as defined in the Insurance Motion) for the Debtor in Possession and Insurance Participating Entities (as defined in the Insurance Motion) in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices; (ii) continue funding all premiums, deductibles, reserves, claims administration costs, loss prevention costs, and service fees related to Insurance Coverage and receiving reimbursement for same; (iii) renew, amend, supplement, extend, purchase, or terminate Insurance Coverage in the ordinary course of business; and (iv) pay any and all amounts related to the Insurance Programs that remained unpaid on the Petition Date; *provided*, *however*, that no claims arising from, or in connection with, alleged pre-petition sexual misconduct may be paid other than pursuant to the terms of a confirmed reorganization plan or pursuant to further order of this Court.

- 3. As described in the declaration filed in support of the Insurance Motion, the Insurance Programs provide a cost-effective way to procure necessary insurance for the Debtor in Possession and the Insurance Participating Entities. In light of the requirements under the Bankruptcy Code, including the operating guidelines issued by the United States Trustee, the Debtor in Possession submits that permitting it to maintain its Insurance Coverage is essential to its estate.
- V. (FWP-5) DEBTOR IN POSSESSION'S EMERGENCY MOTION FOR INTERIM AND FINAL ORDERS (1) PROHIBITING UTILITY COMPANIES FROM ALTERING, REFUSING OR DISCONTINUING SERVICE, (2) DETERMINING ADEQUATE ASSURANCE OF PAYMENT FOR POST-PETITION UTILITY SERVICES UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 366, (3) ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING ADEQUATE ASSURANCE OF PAYMENT, AND (4) SCHEDULING A FINAL HEARING
- 1. The Debtor in Possession moves the Court for entry of an order, after an interim hearing: (1) prohibiting utility companies from altering, refusing or discontinuing service; (2) determining that the Debtor in Possession's furnishing of deposits to Utility Companies (defined in the Utility Motion) constitutes adequate assurance of payment; (3) establishing procedures for providing or determining adequate assurance of payment in response to requests from the affected utilities; and (4) scheduling a final hearing thereon (the, "<u>Utility Motion</u>").
 - 2. The Debtor in Possession has multiple facilities and receives utility services from

numerous utility companies. Submitted in support of the Utility Motion is a table listing (a) the utility companies (as defined in the Utility Motion); (b) the Debtor in Possession's corresponding utility company accounts; (c) the property address where the utility is provided (if applicable), and (d) a description of the location. None of the Utility Companies hold pre-petition deposits. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtor in Possession timely remitted payments on monthly utility service obligations. The sum of all monthly payments to these utilities for these accounts average about \$70,000.00 per month in the aggregate. Pursuant to section 366(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor in Possession proposes to provide its Utility Companies adequate assurance of payment as follows:

- a. Upon request, the Debtor in Possession will provide each Utility Company a cash deposit (the "Deposit") in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the Debtor in Possession's estimated monthly cost of its utility consumption from each Utility Company, less amounts, if any, of existing prepetition utility deposits. The estimated monthly cost will be calculated using the average of monthly invoices for the past year. If a Utility Company provides the Debtor in Possession with services under multiple accounts, then the Debtor in Possession may provide that Utility Company with one deposit that equals fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate estimated monthly usage under all of the Debtor in Possession's accounts with that Utility Company. The Deposit shall be provided within ten (10) court days of the receipt by the Debtor in Possession or its bankruptcy counsel of a written request from a Utility Company for adequate assurance under the Bankruptcy Code.
- b. In the event that a Utility Company believes that the Debtor in Possession's utility Deposit does not constitute adequate assurance of payment that is "satisfactory" to that Utility Company in accordance with section 366(c)(2), within forty-five (45) calendar days of entry of the Court's order approving the Motion, the Utility Company must serve upon the Debtor in Possession and its counsel, and file with the Court a specific request for adequate assurance ("Assurance Request"). The Assurance Request must include: (i) the location and account number(s) for which utility services are provided; (ii) the outstanding balance on the account and a summary of the Debtor in Possession's payment history; (iii) the reasons why the Deposit does not constitute satisfactory

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adequate assurance of payment; and (iv) a proposal of what the Utility Company believes would constitute satisfactory adequate assurance of payment. Without further order of the Court, the Debtor in Possession may enter into agreements granting additional adequate assurance to a Utility Company that timely files and serves an Assurance Request. Failure by a Utility Company to timely file and serve an Assurance Request shall result in such Utility Company being deemed to have received satisfactory adequate assurance of payment, and shall be prohibited from altering, refusing, or discontinuing service to the Debtor in Possession.

- c. In the event that one or more Utility Companies submit an Assurance Request that is determined by the Debtor in Possession to be unreasonable, within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of such Assurance Request the Debtor in Possession will schedule a hearing on shortened notice and serve notice of such hearing on the affected Utility Companies. The Utility Companies shall be prohibited from altering, refusing or discontinuing service to the Debtor in Possession until the Court issues an order authorizing such action, after a hearing on the Assurance Request.
- 3. The Debtor in Possession submits that the proposed adequate assurance to Utility Companies sufficiently addresses the requirements of section 366.

VI. (FWP-6) DEBTOR IN POSSESSION'S EMERGENCY MOTION TO (1) ESTABLISH NOTICE PROCEDURES, (2) FILE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION UNDER SEAL, AND (3) TEMPORARILY SUSPEND DEADLINE FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIMS

- 1. The Debtor in Possession moves this Court, on an emergency basis, for entry of an order in substantially the form attached to the Exhibit List as Exhibit 2 filed with the Limited Notice Motion (the "Order"), (i) establishing notice procedures, (ii) authorizing the Debtor in Possession to file confidential information under seal, and (iii) temporarily suspending the deadline to file proofs of claim (the "Bar Date") (the "Limited Notice Motion").
- 2. Given the large number of potential creditors and claimants, most of whom consist of abuse survivor claimants, the Debtor in Possession seeks permission to limit notice and also to file certain confidential information under seal, given the particularly sensitive nature of claims, survivor identities, and other matters in this Bankruptcy Case. The Debtor in Possession also seeks

to suspend temporarily the Bar Date to provide the Debtor in Possession with sufficient time to employ a claims agent and formulate a Court-approved, streamlined claims submission process in consultation with a committee to be appointed.

VII. (FWP-7) DEBTOR'S EMERGENCY MOTION FOR INTERIM AND FINAL ORDERS AUTHORIZING THE DEBTOR IN POSSESSION TO (1) PAY CERTAIN PREPETITION INVOICES FOR ABUSE SURVIVORS' ASSISTANCE AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS, AND (2) CONTINUE ITS PREPETITION PRACTICE OF PAYING FOR ABUSE SURVIVORS' ASSISTANCE AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS

- 1. The Debtor in Possession moves this Court for the entry of interim and final orders, authorizing the Debtor in Possession: (i) to pay certain prepetition invoices for abuse survivors' assistance and safe environment programs, and (ii) to continue to pay certain invoices for such programs in the ordinary course of its business (the "Abuse Survivors' Assistance Motion").
- 2. The Debtor in Possession has an established process for survivors of clergy abuse to have access to trained professionals who can help them address their trauma. To support these survivors, among other things, the Debtor pays for the survivors' counseling with licensed therapists.
- 3. In addition, the Debtor in Possession has implemented safe environment programs to prevent the future occurrence of sexual abuse by clergy or others affiliated with the Debtor in Possession. These safe environment programs involve, among other things, strict education and training protocols for all who minister or volunteer within the Diocese and mandatory fingerprinting and background checks for employees, clergy, and volunteers who have direct contact with children.
- 4. These programs are meant to serve those affected by historical clergy sexual abuse and to prevent future abuse. They <u>must</u> continue uninterrupted during this Bankruptcy Case. It is therefore necessary and appropriate to authorize the Debtor in Possession to pay any outstanding prepetition balances due and owing for these programs and to continue to fund these programs on a postpetition basis in the ordinary course of business.

VIII. (FWP-8) APPLICATION OF DEBTOR IN POSSESSION PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) FOR AN ORDER APPOINTING DONLIN, RECANO & COMPANY, INC. AS CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT

1. The Debtor in Possession, seeks an order, pursuant to section 156(c) of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rules 9013-1(a) and

- 2. DRC is a bankruptcy administrator specializing in claims management and legal administration services. DRC provides comprehensive chapter 11 services, including noticing, claims processing, balloting, and other related services critical to the effective administration of this Chapter 11 Case. As seen in the consolidated creditor matrix, there are numerous entities to be noticed in this Chapter 11 Case. In view of the number of notice entities, the anticipated number of claimants, and the complexity of the Debtor in Possession's business, the Debtor in Possession submits that the appointment of a claims and noticing agent is both necessary and in the best interests of the Debtor in Possession, its estate, its creditors, and all parties in interest. DRC is equipped to handle the volume of mailings and claims involved in this Chapter 11 Case. DRC is one of the country's leading chapter 11 administrators, with experience in noticing, claims administration, and facilitating other administrative aspects of chapter 11 cases.
- 3. By appointing DRC as the Claims Agent in this case, the distribution of notices and the processing of claims will be expedited, and the Office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court (the "Clerk's Office") will be relieved of the administrative burden of processing what may be an overwhelming number of claims.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that although you are not required to do so, if you wish to file a response to any of the First Day Motions explaining your position, you may do so at:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 501 I Street, 3rd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

If you mail your response to the Court for filing, you must mail it early enough so the Court will receive it before the date of the hearing. You must also mail a copy to:

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento, a California corporation sole, c/o Felderstein Fitzgerald Willoughby Pascuzzi & Rios, LLP 500 Capitol Mall, Suite 2250 Sacramento, CA 95814

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2	resolved without oral argument or whether the court has issued a tentative ruling, and can view pre-		
3	hearing dispositions (if any, none expected for the First Day Motions) by checking the Court's		
4	website at www.caeb.uscourts.gov after 4:00 P.M. the day before the hearing. Parties appearing		
5	telephonically must view the pre-hearing dispositions prior to the hearing.		
6	NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that your rights may be affected. You should read these		
7	papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one in this bankruptcy case. If		
8	you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one.		
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