

1 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
2 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
3 SACRAMENTO DIVISION

4 In re

5 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
6 SACRAMENTO,

7 Debtor and
8 Debtor in Possession.

Case No. 24-21326

Chapter 11

**NOTICE OF BAR DATE FOR FILING OF
GENERAL CREDITOR PROOF OF
CLAIM FORM¹**

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10 **TO ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WITH CLAIMS AGAINST THE ROMAN
CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SACRAMENTO:**

11 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on April 1, 2024 (the “Petition Date”) The Roman Catholic
12 Bishop of Sacramento aka the Diocese of Sacramento, debtor and debtor in possession (“Debtor”)
13 in the above-captioned case (the “Bankruptcy Case”) filed a voluntary petition for relief under
14 chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern
15 District of California (the “Court”). The Debtor, its address, case number, proof of claim forms and
other relevant information related to this Bankruptcy Case may be obtained at:
<https://www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsacramento> .

16 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Court entered an order (the “Bar Date
17 Order”) establishing October 1, 2024, as the claims bar date (“Bar Date”) in the Bankruptcy Case.
18 In Section III of this notice (the “General Creditor Bar Date Notice”), you will find directions for
filing, by mail and electronically, a proof of claim against the Debtor.

19 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that for your convenience, the Debtor has enclosed
20 with this General Creditor Bar Date Notice, a proof of claim form (the “General Creditor Proof of
21 Claim Form”). If this General Creditor Bar Date Notice does not include a General Creditor Proof
22 of Claim Form, you may obtain a copy of the General Creditor Proof of Claim Form by visiting
<https://www.donlinrecano.com/Clients/rcbs/Static/POC> or by contacting Donlin, Recano &
Company, Inc. at the email address or telephone number listed at the end of this General Creditor
Bar Date Notice.

23 **KEY DEFINITIONS**

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- 25 • As used in this General Creditor Bar Date Notice, the term “Entity” has the meaning given
26 to it in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code, and includes all persons (individuals,

27 ¹ Survivor Claimants will receive a separate notice with additional instructions for filing confidential
28 Survivor Claims.

partnerships and corporations), estates, trusts, Governmental Units and the United States Trustee.

- As used in this General Creditor Bar Date Notice, the term “Governmental Unit” has the meaning given to it in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code and includes the United States, states, commonwealths, districts, territories, municipalities, foreign states, or departments, agencies or instrumentalities of the foregoing.
- As used in this General Creditor Bar Date Notice, the term “Claim” shall mean, as to or against the Debtor and in accordance with section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code: (i) any right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured; or (ii) any right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before April 1, 2024, must be filed on or prior to the Bar Date, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before April 1, 2024.

Please note that individuals asserting Claims arising from abuse for which such individuals believe the Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento may be liable are instructed to file a Confidential Survivor Proof of Claim, consistent with the Bar Date Order and the Notice of Bar Date for Survivor Proofs of Claim. CLAIMANTS MAY OBTAIN COPIES of these Forms from the Debtor’s Claims, Noticing and Solicitation Agent, Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. at <https://www.donlinrecano.com/Clients/rcbs/Static/SurvivorClaims> .

A Claimant should consult an attorney if the Claimant has any questions, including whether such Claimant must file a Claim by submitting a General Creditor Proof of Claim Form.

I. WHO MUST FILE A GENERAL CREDITOR PROOF OF CLAIM FORM AND THE BAR DATE

A. The Bar Date: The Bar Date Order establishes **October 1, 2024**, as the deadline for filing proofs of claim by submitting a General Creditor Proof of Claim Form in this Bankruptcy Case:

1. The Bar Date: All Entities Excluding Governmental Units. Except as set forth below, pursuant to the Bar Date Order, all Entities, excluding Governmental Units, holding Claims against the Debtor (whether secured, unsecured priority, or unsecured nonpriority) that arose or are deemed to have arisen prior to April 1, 2024, are required to file Claims by submitting a General Creditor Proof of Claim Form on or before the Bar Date, **October 1, 2024.**

1 **Entities that MUST File Claims by submitting a General Creditor Proof of Claim**
2 **Form by the Bar Date:** Except as set forth in paragraph “3” below, the following Entities
3 must file a Claim on or before the Bar Date:

4 a. Any person or entity whose pre-petition Claim against the Debtor that
5 is not listed in the Debtor’s Schedules or whose pre-petition Claim is listed in the
6 Schedules but is listed as disputed, contingent or unliquidated and that desires to
7 participate in this case or share in any distribution in this case, including Claims
8 based on 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9); and

9 b. Any person or entity that believes that its pre-petition Claim is
10 improperly classified in the Schedules or is listed in an incorrect amount and that
11 desires to have its claim allowed in a classification or amount other than that
12 identified in the Schedules, including Claims based on 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9).

13 2. The Bar Date: Governmental Units. Except as set forth below, pursuant to
14 the Bar Date Order, all Governmental Units (as defined by Bankruptcy Code section
15 101(27)) holding Claims against the Debtor that arose or are deemed to have arisen prior to
16 April 1, 2024, are required to file a Claim by submitting a General Creditor Proof of Claim
17 Form by **October 1, 2024.**

18 **Entities that MUST File Claims by submitting a General Creditor Proof of Claim**
19 **Form by the Bar Date:** Except as set forth in paragraph “3” below, the following Entities
20 must file a Claim on or before the Bar Date:

21 a. Any person or entity whose pre-petition claim against the Debtor that
22 is not listed in the Debtor’s Schedules or whose pre-petition claim is listed in the
23 Schedules but is listed as disputed, contingent or unliquidated and that desires to
24 participate in this case or share in any distribution in this case; and

25 b. Any person or entity that believes that its pre-petition claim is
26 improperly classified in the Schedules or is listed in an incorrect amount and that
27 desires to have its claim allowed in a classification or amount other than that
28 identified in the Schedules.

 3. **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 Creditor Proof of Claim Form by the Bar Date:

 a. Any person or entity that has already properly filed a Claim against
the Debtor by filing a General Creditor Proof of Claim Form with the Clerk of the
Court for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California
or with Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., the Debtor’s claims, noticing and
solicitation agent;

1 b. Any person or entity: (i) whose claim is listed in the Schedules or any
2 amendments thereto, and (ii) whose claim is not described therein as “disputed,”
3 “contingent,” or “unliquidated,” and (iii) who does not dispute the amount or
4 classification of its claim as set forth in the Schedules;

5 c. Professionals retained by the Debtor or the Committee pursuant to
6 orders of this Court, who assert administrative claims for payment of fees and
7 expenses subject to the Court’s approval pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 330,
8 331, and 503(b);

9 d. Any person or entity that asserts an administrative expense claim
10 against the Debtor pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 503(b)(1) through (8);

11 e. Any person or entity whose Claim against the Debtor has been
12 allowed by an order of the Court entered on or before the Bar Date;

13 f. Any person or entity whose Claim has been paid in full;

14 g. Any holder of a Claim for which a separate deadline is (or has been)
15 fixed by the Court; and

16 h. The United States Trustee regarding a claim for quarterly fees under
17 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6).

18 **II. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE PROOF OF CLAIM**

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

26 **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

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

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

30 Unless one of the exceptions described in **Section I, Paragraph 3** above applies, you **MUST**
31 assert your Claim by submitting an original General Creditor Proof of Claim Form by mail,
32 overnight delivery, courier or hand delivery, or electronically, so that it is received by the Bar Date,
33 as follows:

If General Creditor Proof of Claim Form is sent by mail, send to:

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

If General Creditor Proof of Claim Form is sent by Hand Delivery or Overnight Courier, send to:

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

If General Creditor Proof of Claim Form is submitted electronically:

<https://www.donlinrecano.com/Clients/rcbs/FileClaim>

Any General Creditor Proof of Claim Form submitted by facsimile or email will not be accepted and will not be deemed filed until the Claim is submitted by the method described in the foregoing sentences.

All General Creditor Proof of Claim Forms must be signed by the creditor or, if the creditor is not an individual, by an authorized agent of the creditor. The General Creditor Proof of Claim Form must be written in English and be denominated in United States currency. In addition, all General Creditor Proof of Claim Forms must include all documentation required by Bankruptcy 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 acknowledgement of receipt of your General Creditor Proof of Claim Form, you must also submit by the Bar Date, and concurrently with submission of your original General Creditor Proof of Claim Form: (i) one additional copy of your original General Creditor Proof of Claim Form; 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 at <https://www.donlinrecano.com/Clients/rcbs/Index>.

2. Questions concerning the contents of this General Creditor Bar Date Notice and requests for General Creditor Proof of Claim Forms should be directed to Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. via email at rcbsacramentoinfo@drc.equiniti.com or by phone at 1-866-714-7301

1 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 1-212-771-1128 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and
2 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), Monday through Friday. Please note that Donlin, Recano &
3 Company, Inc. is not permitted to give legal advice. You should consult your own attorney for
4 assistance regarding any other inquiries, such as questions concerning the completion or filing of a
5 proof of claim.

6 Dated: July 17, 2024

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