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15 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
16 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
17 SANTA ROSA DIVISION

18 In re:

Case No. 23-10113

19 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
20 SANTA ROSA,¹

Chapter 11

21 Debtor In Possession.

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

24 **TO ALL PERSONS WITH CLAIMS ARISING FROM ABUSE FOR WHICH THE**
25 **ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SANTA ROSA MAY BE LIABLE:**

26 **OCTOBER 20, 2023 IS THE LAST DATE TO FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM FOR ABUSE**

27 On March 13, 2023 (the "Petition Date") The Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Rosa, aka
28 Santa Rosa Diocese ("Debtor" or "RCBSR") Debtor and Debtor in Possession in the above-
captioned 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 Northern District of California (the
"Court"). The Debtor, its address, case number, proof of claim forms and other relevant
information related to this Chapter 11 case may be obtained at: www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsr.
Any person who believes that he or she 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" and
collectively, the "Survivor Claims") should carefully read this notice.

¹ The last four digits of the Debtor's federal tax identification number are 0038. The Debtor's
principal place of business is located at 985 Airway Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

For the purposes of this Proof of Claim, **Survivor Claim** is defined as: any Claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) against RCBSR 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 molestation, indecent assault and/or battery, rape, pedophilia, ephebophilia, or sexually-related physical, psychological, or emotional harm, or contacts, or interactions of a sexual nature between a child and an adult, or a nonconsenting adult and another adult, sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual psychological or emotional abuse, humiliation, intimidation, any other conduct constituting a sexual offense, or any other sexual misconduct, and seeking monetary damages or any other relief based upon the conduct described above, under any theory of liability, including, but not limited to, vicarious liability, any negligence-based theory, conspiracy, fraudulent concealment, intentional tort, continuing tort, public nuisance, invasion of privacy, breach of alleged duties imposed by The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Canon Law or other Catholic Church documents or principles, contribution, indemnity, or any other theory based on any acts or failures to act by the RCBSR or any other person or entity for whose acts or failures to act the RCBSR is or was allegedly responsible, including but not limited to, claims against clergy, deacons, seminarians, employees, teachers, or volunteers.

FILING DEADLINE

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California entered an order (the “Bar Date Order”) establishing **October 20, 2023**, as the last date (the “**Survivor Bar Date**”) for each Survivor Claimant to file a proof of claim form (the “**Survivor Proof of Claim Form**”). The Survivor Bar Date and the procedures set forth below for filing proofs of claim apply to all Survivor Claims against the Debtor.

WHO MUST FILE

If you believe that you have a Survivor Claim, you must file a Survivor Proof of Claim Form to maintain and/or preserve any claims that you have against the Debtor. Even if you have already filed a lawsuit against the Debtor alleging abuse you must still file a Survivor Proof of Claim Form to maintain and/or preserve your rights in the Debtor’s Chapter 11 case.

WHAT TO FILE

FILE A CONFIDENTIAL SURVIVOR PROOF OF CLAIM FORM AND VOLUNTARY CONFIDENTIAL SURVIVOR SUPPLEMENT, COPIES OF WHICH ARE ENCLOSED. YOU MAY ALSO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SURVIVOR PROOF OF CLAIM FORM AND SUPPLEMENT BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.

PROCEDURES FOR FILING A SURVIVOR PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

To file a Survivor Proof of Claim Form:

- Fill out the **Confidential Survivor Proof of Claim Form**. A copy is provided with this Notice, and can also be obtained here:
<https://www.donlinrecano.com/Clients/rcbsr/Static/SurvivorClaims>
- Fill out the voluntary **Confidential Survivor Supplement**. A copy is provided with this Notice, and can also be obtained here:
<https://www.donlinrecano.com/Clients/rcbsr/Static/SurvivorClaims>

Survivor claimants are strongly encouraged to complete and submit the Confidential Survivor Supplement. The failure to submit a completed Confidential Survivor Supplement with any proof of claim asserting a Survivor

1 Claim may be a basis for an objection to such claim.

- 2 • For additional copies of the Confidential Survivor Proof of Claim Form: (a)
- 3 photocopy the Confidential Survivor Proof of Claim Form; (b) contact the
- 4 Debtor's claims agent Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. via e-mail at
- 5 rcbsantarosainfo@drc.equiniti.com or toll free at 1-800-236-1551, between the
- 6 hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), Monday through
- 7 Friday, or (c) visit the website at: www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsr
- 8 • **Please note that the Debtor's staff is not permitted to give legal advice.**
- 9 **You should consult your own attorney for assistance regarding any other**
- 10 **inquiries, such as questions concerning the completion or filing of a proof of**
- 11 **claim.**
- 12 • Return the original completed Survivor Proof of Claim Form **so as to be**
- 13 **received** by **October 20, 2023**, as follows:

14 **If Survivor Proof of Claim is sent by mail:**

15 Donlin, Recano & Company, LLC

16 Re: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Rosa

17 P.O. Box 2053

18 New York, NY 10281

19 **If Survivor Proof of Claim is sent by Hand Delivery or Overnight**

20 **Courier:**

21 Donlin, Recano & Company, LLC

22 c/o Angeion Group

23 Re: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Rosa

24 200 Vesey Street, 24th Floor

25 New York, NY 10281

26 **Or electronically at:**

27 <https://www.donlinrecano.com/Clients/rcbsr/FileSurvivorClaim>

- 28 • Do not file the Survivor Claim with the Bankruptcy Court.
- 29 • Survivor Proof of Claim Forms will be deemed timely filed only if they are
- 30 **received** by Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. by **October 20, 2023**.
- 31 • **Please note that a Survivor Proof of Claim Form submitted by facsimile,**
- 32 **telecopy or electronic mail transmission will not be accepted and will not**
- 33 **be deemed filed.**

34 **CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM**

35 **The deadline for filing a Survivor Proof of Claim Form is October 20, 2023. Any person**

36 **who has a Survivor Claim and does not file a Survivor Claim by that date may not be**

37 **treated as a creditor for voting or distribution purposes under any plan of reorganization**

38 **and such claim will be subject to discharge. Failure to file a Survivor Claim may prevent**

39 **such person from voting on any plan of reorganization in this case. Further, if such Survivor**

40 **Claim is discharged, the Survivor Claimant may be forever barred and prevented from**

41 **asserting his or her Survivor Claim against the Debtor or its property, and may not receive**

1 any payment or distribution in connection with such Survivor Claim.

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3 **CONFIDENTIALITY**

4 Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, filed Survivor Proofs of Claim Forms and the
5 Supplement thereto will remain confidential in this bankruptcy case. Therefore, the Survivor
6 Proof of Claim Form and the Supplement thereto that you file will not be available to the
7 general public, but will be kept confidential, except that as specified by court order information
8 will be provided to the Debtor, the Debtor's attorneys, the United States Trustee's Office for the
9 Northern District of California, the Debtor's insurers, attorneys for the official committee of
10 unsecured creditors and its members, any unknown claims representative appointed under a plan
11 of reorganization, any settlement trustee appointed to administer payments to Survivor
12 Claimants, and such other persons as the Court determines should have the information in order
13 to evaluate the Survivor Claim, all of whom will agree to keep the information provided by you
14 confidential.

15 Dated: July 25, 2023

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