

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

In re:

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF
BALTIMORE,

Debtor.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 23-16969-MMH

**NOTICE OF THE DEADLINE FOR TIMELY FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM
RELATING TO, OR ARISING FROM, SEXUAL ABUSE**

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE.
YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.**

**TO ALL PERSONS WITH CLAIMS ARISING FROM SEXUAL ABUSE FOR WHICH
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF BALTIMORE MAY BE LIABLE:**

**MAY 31, 2024
IS THE LAST DATE TO TIMELY FILE
PROOFS OF CLAIM FOR SEXUAL ABUSE**

On September 29, 2023, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, also known as the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore (the “*Debtor*”), filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “*Bankruptcy Code*”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland (the “*Court*”). The Debtor’s address, the case number, proof of claim form, and other relevant information related to this chapter 11 case may be obtained at the website maintained by the Debtor’s claims and noticing agent (<https://dm.epiq11.com/RCA Baltimore>). Individuals have asserted sexual abuse claims against the Debtor, on account of alleged actions by people and entities associated or alleged to have been associated with the Debtor. Any person who believes that he or she has, or may have, a claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) resulting or arising in whole or in part, directly or indirectly from any actual or alleged sexual offense as laid out in Subtitle 3 of Title 3 of the Maryland Statutes as well as any sexual conduct or misconduct, sexual abuse or molestation, indecent assault and/or battery, rape, pedophilia, ephebophilia, or sexually-related physical, sexually-related psychological, or sexually-related 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, or intimidation, or any other conduct constituting a sexual offense, incest, or use of a child in a sexual performance, and seeking monetary damages or any other relief, under any theory of liability, including vicarious liability, any negligence-based theory, contribution, indemnity, or any other theory based on any acts or failures to act by the Debtor or any other person or entity for whose acts or failure

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to act the Debtor is or was allegedly responsible, including but not limited to, claims against clergy, deacons, seminarians, employees, teachers, volunteers, parishes, schools, or other entities related to the Debtor should carefully read this notice.

**YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
INCLUDING WHETHER YOU SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.**

LAST DATE FOR TIMELY FILING

The Court entered an order establishing **May 31, 2024** (the “*Claims Filing Deadline*”) as the last date for each individual with a sexual abuse claim to timely file a proof of claim. All references to “proof of claim” or “proof of claim form” herein are to Official Bankruptcy Form 410. The Claims Filing Deadline and the procedures set forth below for proofs of claim apply to all sexual abuse claims against the Debtor, based upon alleged acts of sexual abuse occurring prior to September 29, 2023.

WHO SHOULD FILE

If you believe that you have a sexual abuse claim against the Debtor or any other person or entity for whose acts or failure to act the Debtor is or was allegedly responsible, including but not limited to, claims against clergy, deacons, seminarians, employees, teachers, volunteers, parishes, schools, or other entities related to the Debtor, you must file a proof of claim form. A proof of claim form should include sufficient information to substantiate the claim. To provide such information, a claimant wishing to assert a sexual abuse claim may, but is not required to, accompany the proof of claim form with the Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement, substantially in the form included herein, or otherwise provide information substantially similar to the information requested by the Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement (such proof of claim with any additional forms or information provided in support of same, a “*Survivor Proof of Claim*”). You must file a Survivor Proof of Claim to maintain and preserve any claims that you have against the Debtor. Even if you have already filed a lawsuit against the Debtor alleging sexual abuse prior to September 29, 2023, you are still required to file a Survivor Proof of Claim to maintain and preserve your rights in the Debtor’s chapter 11 case.

WHAT TO FILE

FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM FORM. THE DEBTOR STRONGLY ENCOURAGES YOU TO ALSO FILE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM SUPPLEMENT, A COPY OF WHICH IS ENCLOSED, OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE INFORMATION SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM SUPPLEMENT. IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE THE CLAIM, YOUR CLAIM MAY BE SUBJECT TO OBJECTION. ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM SUPPLEMENT WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL UNLESS THE CLAIM HOLDER ADVISES OTHERWISE. YOU MAY ALSO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM SUPPLEMENT BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW. IN ADDITION, YOU MAY ELECTRONICALLY COMPLETE AND SUBMIT

A PROOF OF CLAIM AND/OR THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM SUPPLEMENT AT <https://dm.epiq11.com/rcabaltimore>.

PROCEDURES FOR FILING A SURVIVOR PROOF OF CLAIM

To file a Survivor Proof of Claim, take the following steps:

Fill out a proof of claim form in its entirety and fill out the Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement or otherwise provide information substantially similar to the information requested by the Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement.

For additional copies of the Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement: (a) photocopy the Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement; (b) contact the Debtor's claims and noticing agent at (in the United States) (877) 337-1944 or (outside the United States) +1 (503) 438-3079; (c) visit the Debtor's website at: <https://www.archbalt.org/>; or (d) visit the website of the Debtor's claims and noticing agent at <https://dm.epiq11.com/RCABaltimore>.

Please note that neither the Debtor's staff nor the Debtor's claims and noticing agent is permitted to give legal advice. You should consult your own attorney for assistance regarding any such inquiries.

Return the completed original proof of claim form and any supporting forms or information to the Debtor's claims and noticing agent via online submission or at the address set forth below by the Claims Filing Deadline. Survivor Proofs of Claim will be deemed timely filed only if they are **actually received** by the Debtor's claims and noticing agent by **May 31, 2024**.

If you are returning a Survivor Proof of Claim by mail, allow sufficient mailing time so that the Survivor Proof of Claim is **received** on or before **May 31, 2024**. Survivor Proofs of Claim that are postmarked before that date, *i.e.*, the Claims Filing Deadline, but which are received by the Debtor's claims and noticing agent after the Claims Filing Deadline, will be considered tardy, and may result in legal consequences.

The filing of a timely proof of claim form with sufficient supporting information is the first step for all claims in a bankruptcy case. Any claim (even those providing sufficient supporting information) may be subject to objections or requests for discovery during the claims administration process.

You may file a claim using the proof of claim form and Sexual Abuse Supplement approved by the court by logging on to the following website: **<https://dm.epiq11.com/rcabaltimore>**, clicking on the "File a Claim" link in Case Actions and creating an account.

If you do not want to submit your claim electronically, proofs of claim along with the Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement or other supporting information should be delivered to the following address such that they are actually received by May 31, 2024:

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| <i>If by First Class Mail:</i> | <i>If by Hand Delivery or Overnight Mail:</i> |
| Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, Claims Processing Center c/o Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC P.O. Box 4420 Beaverton, OR 97076-4420 | Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, Claims Processing Center c/o Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC 10300 SW Allen Blvd. Beaverton, OR 97005 |

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

There may be consequences for failing to file a claim. Please consult your attorney.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Filed Survivor Proofs of Claim and Sexual Abuse Claim Supplements will remain confidential in this chapter 11 case, unless you elect otherwise. Therefore, the Survivor Proof of Claim and Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement that you file will not be available to the general public, but will be kept confidential, except that information will be provided to the Debtor, the United States Trustee for the District of Maryland, the Debtor's insurers, attorneys for the Committee, any unknown claims representative appointed by the Court, any settlement trustee appointed to administer payments to Sexual Abuse Claimants, prison authorities for any incarcerated Sexual Abuse Claimants, and such other persons as the Court determines should have the information in order to evaluate the sexual abuse claim, all of whom will agree to keep the information provided by you confidential.

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SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM SUPPLEMENT

This Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement is optional, but the Debtor strongly encourages any holder of a sexual abuse claim to complete it to the best of their ability. If you do not complete this Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement or otherwise provide sufficient information to substantiate your claim, your claim may be subject to objection. Carefully read the instructions included with this Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement and complete ALL applicable questions. You may complete this form and the proof of claim form (Official Form 410) online by logging on to the following website: <https://dm.epiq11.com/RCABaltimore>, clicking on the “File a Claim” link in Case Actions and creating an account. If you do not want to submit this supplement and the proof of claim form electronically, please use blue or black ink, print clearly, and send the **original** to the Debtor’s claims and noticing agent at the following address:

If by First Class Mail:

Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore,
Claims Processing Center
c/o Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC
P.O. Box 4420
Beaverton, OR 97076-4420

If by Hand Delivery or Overnight Mail:

Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore,
Claims Processing Center
c/o Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC
10300 SW Allen Blvd.
Beaverton, OR 97005

**THIS SUPPLEMENT IS FOR CLAIMANTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE ONLY.
YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING THIS MATTER.**

A sexual abuse claim includes, but is not limited to, any claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) resulting or arising in whole or in part, directly or indirectly from any actual or alleged sexual offense as laid out in Subtitle 3 of Title 3 of the Maryland Statutes as well as any sexual conduct or misconduct, sexual abuse or molestation, indecent assault and/or battery, rape, pedophilia, ephebophilia, or sexually-related physical, sexually-related psychological, or sexually-related 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, or intimidation, or any other conduct constituting a sexual offense, incest, or use of a child in a sexual performance, and seeking monetary damages

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or any other relief, under any theory of liability, including vicarious liability, any negligence-based theory, contribution, indemnity, or any other theory based on any acts or failures to act by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, also known as the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore (the “*Debtor*”), or any other person or entity for whose acts or failure to act the Debtor is or was allegedly responsible, including but not limited to, claims against clergy, deacons, seminarians, employees, teachers, volunteers, parishes, schools, or other entities related to the Debtor.

While this Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement is optional, to increase the chances that you will meet your burden to establish your claim under the Bankruptcy Code, you are strongly encouraged to complete this Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement or to otherwise provide information that is substantially similar to the information requested in this supplement. However, the completion of the Sexual Abuse Claim Supplement does not foreclose the filing of objections or requests for discovery.

THIS SUPPLEMENT SHOULD: (A) BE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH OR INCLUDE A TRANSLATION IF RESPONSES ARE IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH; (B) PROVIDE RESPONSES THAT ARE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE; AND (C) BE SIGNED BY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT, EXCEPT THAT IF THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT IS A MINOR, INCAPACITATED, OR DECEASED, THIS SEXUAL ABUSE PROOF OF CLAIM MAY BE SIGNED BY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT’S PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR EXECUTOR, AS APPLICABLE. IF THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT DIES AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM, BUT BEFORE THE CLAIM IS RESOLVED, NOTIFICATION OF THE DEATH MUST BE PROVIDED AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE.

The penalty for presenting a fraudulent claim: fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to five years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 3571.

UNLESS YOU INDICATE OTHERWISE IN PART I BELOW, YOUR IDENTITY WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, UNDER SEAL, AND OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC RECORD. HOWEVER, INFORMATION IN THIS CLAIM WILL BE PROVIDED, PURSUANT TO COURT-APPROVED CONFIDENTIALITY GUIDELINES, TO COUNSEL FOR THE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COURT-APPROVED THIRD PARTIES IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE CLAIM.

YOUR CLAIM MAY BE DISPUTED OR HONORED IN WHOLE OR IN PART. THE DEBTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO OBJECT OR TO ASSERT OFFSETS OR DEFENSES AGAINST ANY FILED PROOF OF CLAIM.

PART I: CONFIDENTIALITY

THIS SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM SUPPLEMENT (ALONG WITH ANY ACCOMPANYING EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS) WILL BE MAINTAINED AS CONFIDENTIAL UNLESS YOU EXPRESSLY REQUEST THAT IT BE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE BY CHECKING THE BOX AND SIGNING BELOW.

May we send confidential information to your email:

Yes

No

Birth Date: _____
Month Day Year

Male

Female

Last four digits of your Social Security Number: XXX-XX-_____

Any other name(s) or alias(es) by which you have been known:

B. Attorney Information (if applicable)

Law Firm Name

Attorney's First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Street Address

City

State/Prov.

Zip Code (Postal Code)

County

Telephone No.

Fax No.

Email Address

PART 3: NATURE OF ABUSE

(Attach additional separate sheets if necessary)

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE DEBTOR IN STATE OR FEDERAL COURT, YOU MAY ATTACH THE COMPLAINT. IF YOU DID NOT FILE A LAWSUIT OR IF THE COMPLAINT DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW.

1. Who committed each act of sexual abuse?

2. What is the position, title, or relationship to you of the individual who committed these acts?

3. Where did the sexual abuse take place? Please be specific and detail all relevant information that you know, including the City and State, name of the parish or school (if applicable), and/or the names of any other location.

4. When did the sexual abuse take place?

a. Please be as specific as possible. If you can, please indicate the day, month, and year. If you cannot recall the month, please try to recall the season (winter, spring, summer, or fall).

b. If you were sexually abused on more than one occasion, please state when the abuse started, when it stopped, and how many times it occurred.

c. Please also state your age(s) and your grade(s) in school (if applicable) at the time the abuse took place.

5. Please describe in as much detail as possible the nature of the sexual abuse. What happened?

6. Did you tell anyone about the sexual abuse (this would include parents, relatives, friends, anybody affiliated with the Debtor, attorneys, counselors, law enforcement authorities)?

a. If "Yes", who did you tell? Please list the name(s) and any contact information you have.

b. What did you say?

c. When did you tell this person or persons about the abuse?

d. If you know, what did the person or persons do in response?

7. Were there any witnesses to the sexual abuse described in question (5)? If so, please list their name(s) and any contact information you have, including addresses.

8. Do you personally know or have reason to believe that the Debtor knew that your abuser was abusing you or others before or during the period when such abuse occurred? If "Yes", please provide all information that supports your conclusion, including the information requested in items 8(a) through 8(e) below.

a. Who at the Debtor knew that your abuser was abusing you or others?

b. How did such person or persons at the Debtor learn this information?

c. When did such person or persons at the Debtor learn this information?

d. What exactly was the person or persons from the Debtor told or what exactly did they observe?

- e. How did you come to have the information you provided in response to the questions above?

PART 4: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Other than the incident(s) of sexual abuse described in Part 3 above, have you ever been sexually abused by anyone else? If “Yes”, please describe this abuse, including the date(s) of the abuse, and identify the abuser (if not by name then by relationship to abuser).

2. Prior Non-Bankruptcy Claims: Have you previously filed any lawsuit seeking damages for the sexual abuse described in this claim?

Yes No (if “Yes,” please answer the questions below)

- a. Where and when did you file the lawsuit?

- b. Who were the parties to the lawsuit and what was the case number?

- c. What was the result of that lawsuit?

3. Prior Bankruptcy Claim: Have you filed any claims in any other bankruptcy case relating to the sexual abuse described in this claim?

Yes No (if “Yes,” you are required to attach a copy of any completed claim form)

4. Any Settlements: Regardless of whether a complaint was ever filed against any party because of the sexual abuse, have you settled any claim or demand relating to the sexual abuse described in this claim?

Yes No (if "Yes," please describe, including parties to, the settlement and you are required to attach a copy of any settlement agreement)

5. Bankruptcy: Have you ever filed bankruptcy?

Yes No (if "Yes," please provide the following information)

Name of Case: _____ Court: _____

Date Filed: _____ Case No: _____

Chapter: 7 11 12 13 Name of Trustee: _____

Date: _____

Sign and print your name. If you are signing the claim on behalf of another person or an estate, print your title.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare the forgoing statements to be true and correct:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____