



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

**STATEMENT TO FILING OF CLAIMS OBJECTIONS**

Today, July 22, 2022, the Diocese of Rochester filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court 68 Objections to Allowance of Sexual Abuse Proofs of Claim. It must be noted that in doing so, the Diocese is not questioning the veracity of these claims, but instead is asserting that these specific claims focus on persons or entities that were not and are not under the control or direction of the Diocese of Rochester. Although the Diocese maintains its commitment to a just resolution of those claims that have been properly made in the Chapter 11 process, the Diocese has a fiduciary responsibility to identify claims against separate organizations that have no legal or operational connection to the Diocese. Adjudication of these claims is appropriately the responsibility of those respective religious orders, institutions, or agencies.

The Diocese reaffirms its intention to resolve this matter justly, charitably and in a timely manner. The Diocese continues to pursue ongoing mediation with the parties concerned in the Chapter 11 proceedings. To this end, scheduled in-person mediation will resume during the week of July 25, 2022, in a continuing effort to arrive at a consensual plan of reorganization that will provide fair compensation for those who have been harmed.

We continue to pray for the survivors of sexual abuse and renew our ongoing efforts to assure that our safe environment protocols protect God's children and all persons from such tragic and sad situations. May Our Lord, the Divine Physician, heal wounds, bring us to a resolution and bless us in our mission to hand over to our young people a wholesome and caring culture worthy of their inheritance.

*-July 22, 2022*

*Debtor in Possession*