

Notice of Deadline for Filing Sexual Abuse Claims in The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York Bankruptcy Case

All Sexual Abuse Survivors Need to File Claims by August 14, 2021

*This is an official notice approved by the Bankruptcy Court.
This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

Una versión en español de este aviso está disponible en <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc> o llamando al 1-888-490-0633.

- Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights, including the right to compensation, against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York (the “Diocese”) and against its parishes, schools and affiliated ministries (“Diocese Related Entities”).
- Regardless of how old you are today, if you have a claim for sexual abuse for which you believe the Diocese is or may be responsible, that occurred before **October 1, 2020**, you must file a claim in this bankruptcy case to preserve your rights.
- The Sexual Abuse Bar Date of August 14, 2021 is not subject to further extension if the window created by the Child Victims Act is lengthened by the State of New York.
- A list of individuals that the Diocese knows have been the subject of an adverse determination by the Diocesan Review Board of the Diocese that an allegation of clergy abuse against such priest or deacon was credible or against whom an allegation of clergy abuse was made through the Diocese’s Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program and the Diocese made a payment in settlement of such allegation through such program can be found at <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>. An additional list of individuals against whom an allegation of abuse has been made can be found on the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditor’s website at www.LongIslandChurchCommittee.com. The Debtor does not maintain and takes no responsibility for any list of additional individuals prepared by the Committee.
- You can file a claim using the Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form approved by the court (1) by logging on to the following website: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc> or (2) by mailing or delivering a hard copy of your Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim to the address listed below.
- No plan of reorganization has been filed as of the date of this notice. However, if a plan to reorganize the Diocese is approved, it could release claims you hold against certain third parties, including against churches, parishes, schools, and the other Diocese Related Entities that operate within the Diocese.

- If you have a claim against any such church, parish, school, or other Diocese Related Entity, you may have a claim against the Diocese.
- Your rights and options – **and the deadline to exercise them by** – are explained in more detail in this notice.

BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why was this notice issued?

The Diocese filed a chapter 11 bankruptcy case. The Bankruptcy Court has set a deadline of **August 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)** for filing claims against the Diocese for sexual abuse.

The Diocese case is filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, and the case is known as *In re: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York* (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) The Bankruptcy Court Judge overseeing the case is the Honorable Shelley C. Chapman.

The Bankruptcy Court authorized the Diocese to send out this notice. You have the right to file a Sexual Abuse Claim in this bankruptcy case regardless of how old you are today. You are required to file a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim on or before **August 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**.

SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMS

2. What is considered sexual abuse?

You have a Sexual Abuse Claim if you experienced sexual abuse. A **Sexual Abuse Claim** is defined as follows:

A “Sexual Abuse Claim” is any claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) against the Debtor resulting or arising in whole or in part, directly or indirectly from any actual or alleged sexual conduct or misconduct, 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, or intimidation, or any other conduct constituting a sexual offense, incest, or use of a child in a sexual performance (as such terms are defined in the New York Penal Law), 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 Diocese or any other person or entity for whose acts or failures to act the Diocese is or was allegedly responsible.

If you have a claim from other types of abuse, including non-sexual physical abuse, non-sexual emotional abuse, bullying or hazing, you should file a General Proof of Claim (Official Bankruptcy Form 410).

3. Who should file a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim?

You should file a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim if you have a Sexual Abuse Claim as defined above. You should file a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim regardless of whether you:

- Did or did not report your sexual abuse to the Diocese or to anyone else;
- Previously filed a lawsuit or asserted claims in connection with the sexual abuse; or
- Are included in, or represented by, another action with respect to your Sexual Abuse Claim.

You should submit a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim regardless of your age now or the length of time that has passed since the sexual abuse took place.

Do not file a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim if your claim is based on anything other than sexual abuse as defined above. If you have a claim arising from other types of abuse, including non-sexual physical abuse, non-sexual emotional abuse, bullying or hazing, you should consult the *General Bar Date Notice* and file a General Proof of Claim (Official Bankruptcy Form 410).

4. What if I am still not sure if I have a Sexual Abuse Claim?

You should consult with an attorney if you have any questions, including whether you should file a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim.

5. How can I file my Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim?

A copy of the Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form is enclosed. You may also obtain a copy of the form by following the instructions below.

For additional copies of the Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form: (a) photocopy the enclosed Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim form; or (b) contact the Debtor's claims agent Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC's (the "Claims Agent") website for this case at <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc> or by e-mail at RCDRockvilleInfo@epiqglobal.com or by phone, toll free at 1-888-490-0633.

The Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim must be completed by you and mailed or submitted to the Claims Agent Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC's, **by no later than August 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)** as follows:

- (i) If sent by mail, to U.S. Postal Service mail to The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York Claims Processing Center c/o Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC P.O. Box 4421 Beaverton, OR 97076-4421, or
- (ii) If sent by hand delivery or overnight courier, send to: hand delivery or overnight mail to The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York Claims Processing Center c/o Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC 10300 SW Allen Blvd. Beaverton, OR 97005; or
- (iii) If submitted electronically, by using the interface available at <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc> by following instructions for filing proofs of claim electronically.

Sexual Abuse Proofs of Claim sent by any other means (such as facsimile transmission or email through a different manner than described in (iii) above) **will not** be accepted.

If you have questions you can contact your attorney or call 1-888-490-0633 to speak to the Claims Agent. The Claims Agent can provide information about how to file a claim, but cannot offer any legal advice.

Please note that the Diocese's staff is not permitted to give legal advice. You should consult your own attorney for assistance regarding any other inquiries, such as questions concerning the completion or filing of a proof of claim.

6. Will my information be kept confidential?

Yes, subject to the limitations described below. The Bankruptcy Court has set up a procedure to protect your privacy. In order to protect your privacy, please do not file your Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim with the Bankruptcy Court. Instead, you must file according to the directions above.

Sexual Abuse Proofs of Claim will not be available to the public unless you choose to release that information by checking the box in Part 1 of the Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim. However, information about your Sexual Abuse Claim will be confidentially provided, pursuant to Bankruptcy Court-approved guidelines, to the following parties:

- The Diocese and its attorneys;
- Certain insurers of the Diocese including authorized claims administrators of such insurers and their reinsurers and counsel;
- Attorneys for the Official Creditors' Committee and its members;
- Attorneys at the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York;
- The Claims Agent (Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC);
- Any special arbitrator, mediator, or claims reviewer appointed to review and resolve Sexual Abuse Claims;

- Any trustee, or functional equivalent thereof, appointed to administer payments to holders of Sexual Abuse Claims; and
- Such other persons that the Court determines need the information in order to evaluate Sexual Abuse Claims.

Please note that information in your Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim may be disclosed to governmental authorities under mandatory reporting laws in many jurisdictions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

7. How do I report my sexual abuse to the authorities?

Reporting the sexual abuse protects other persons. You can learn more about how to report sexual abuse at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/cps/>.

Please know that reporting sexual abuse is different than filing a claim in the Diocese's bankruptcy case.

8. What happens if I do not file a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim?

If you fail to submit a completed Sexual Abuse Survivor Proof of Claim to the Claims Agent on or before **August 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**, you may not be able to:

- vote on the Diocese's plan of reorganization; or
- receive any compensation in the Diocese's bankruptcy case for your Sexual Abuse Claim.

YOU MAY WANT TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY REGARDING THIS NOTICE AND WHETHER YOU SHOULD FILE A SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVOR PROOF OF CLAIM.