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Others, however, such as the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (defined in the Plan as the “**Sisters**”), were named as defendants in the lawsuits but will not receive injunctive relief under the Plan because the Debtors were unable to reach an agreement with them that would allow them to become a Participating Party under the Plan. The Diocese of Corpus Christi (defined in the Plan as “**Corpus Christi**”) is another Entity with whom the Debtors were unable to reach an agreement that would allow them to become a Participating Party. **Corpus Christi, from whence came one of the worst abusive priests ever to afflict the Diocese, is implicated by the Tort Claims arising from Abuse by Father Clement Hageman.** The Diocese initiated a proceeding requesting the assistance of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to attempt to obtain remuneration for some of the funds the Debtors have paid (and will pay pursuant to the Plan) as a result of Father Hageman’s Abuse. The proceeding is currently pending. The Claims against the Sisters and Corpus Christi are Retained Claims under the Plan.

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## **Holbrook Plans New Playground**

HOLBROOK, Apr. 7—A community recreation center is being laid out on a number of vacant lots here, and soon will provide a baseball diamond and playground for use of Holbrook residents.

The **Rev. Clement Hageman, sponsor of the project**, said property owners cheerfully agreed to use of the lots and others have offered lumber, money and help in constructing the baseball diamond.

Not only will the playground be thrown open to all Holbrook children, regardless of creed or color, but the baseball diamond is expected to provide some recreation for naval air cadets due here soon for training.

I will not go into the details of his conduct. On the face of his letter, he seems to feel very sorry that he fell and promises to reform. While I have no right to predict that he will not reform, I honestly have my justified apprehensions. He is a man who can put up a good front, and will apparently show signs of repentance and reform; but, as was proven by his past record he forgets his resolutions and falls into his old habits, when he seems to think that he is no longer suspected, and cleverly hides his gradual fall into his old transgressions. Therefore, I have no confidence in his promises; and, while I would not want to deprive him of a chance to possibly and finally prove himself worthy of confidence, I frankly regret to state that I would not trust him, unless he would unmistakably offer proofs of his sincerity continuously for at least three to five years.

*Letter from Bishop of Gallup, Aug 29, 1927*