

Exhibit A

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

In re:

Case No. 11-20059-svk

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE,

Chapter 11

Debtor.

Hon. Susan V. Kelley

**NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY FILING AND SPECIAL CONFIDENTIALITY
PROCEDURES IN THE CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE
OF MILWAUKEE**

On January 4, 2011 (the "Petition Date"), the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (the "Debtor" or "Archdiocese") filed a petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. This notice (the "Notice of Filing") provides information that may be important to victims/survivors of sexual abuse (the "Victims/Survivors").

Filing Claims Against the Archdiocese

After a debtor files a chapter 11 bankruptcy petition, it is customary for a bankruptcy court to approve a deadline for filing claims against the debtor (a "Claims Bar Date"). The Claims Bar Date, once established, is the deadline for all creditors of the Debtor to have their claims recognized in the bankruptcy proceeding. A creditor's failure to file a proof of claim before the Claims Bar Date often has the effect of denying that creditor any opportunity to recover on its claim against the debtor.

Sometime in the coming months the Court will establish a Claims Bar Date to file proofs of claim against the Archdiocese. Pursuant to the Court's Confidentiality Procedures Order, all known Victims/Survivors will receive notice of the deadline to file proofs of claim (the "Bar Date Notice") in accordance with the notice procedures detailed below.

Ordinarily all proofs of claims filed against a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding are available to the public. However, prior to the establishment of a deadline to file claims against the Archdiocese, the Archdiocese will file with the Court a motion suggesting procedures that would allow Victims/Survivors to file claims against the Archdiocese without making their identities publicly available (the "Victims/Survivors Claims Motion"). The Bar Date Notice will provide detailed information regarding any confidentiality procedures governing the filing of claims by Victims/Survivors.

Confidentiality

At the request of the Archdiocese, the Court issued an order approving the omission of the names of all Victims/Survivors from the bankruptcy court filings that would ordinarily list the names of all creditors or other parties in interest.

However, if any Victim/Survivor wants to be identified as a creditor (in which case that information would be publicly available), he/she should write counsel for the Archdiocese at the address below indicating his/her desire to be added to the list of creditors and parties in interest. Upon receipt of the written request, the Archdiocese will add that Victim's/Survivor's name and contact information to any documents filed in the Debtor's chapter 11 case which would, but for the Confidentiality Procedures Order, list that Victim's/Survivor's name.

Special Procedures for Victims/Survivors to Receive Notices of Bankruptcy Court Filings

The Confidentiality Procedures Order also provides for special notice procedures for Victims/Survivors:

- All Victims/Survivors will automatically receive the following notices in this Reorganization Case (the "Critical Notices"):
 - a. notice of the Debtor's Chapter 11 Petition;
 - b. notice of any motions to dismiss the Reorganization Case;
 - c. notice of the claims bar dates;
 - d. the plan of reorganization and disclosure statement solicitation package (including ballots);
 - e. notice of any special meeting of Victims/Survivors scheduled by the U.S. Trustee in this Reorganization Case;
 - f. notice of hearing on adequacy of disclosure statement;
 - g. notices of motions under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code relating to property worth more than \$1 million or any motion relate to the buyback of insurance; and
 - h. notice of final applications for compensation by professionals.
- Any Victim/Survivors that does not wish to receive the Critical Notices and who in writing requests that the Critical Notices not be served, will have its request honored by the Debtor, except that the Court has ordered the Debtor to serve the Critical Notices a-d above on all Victims/Survivors.
- For Victims/Survivors that participated in the Archdiocese's Mediation Program (the "Mediation Program"), all notices will be served in the manner, and with the same procedures, as documents which are delivered to the Victims/Survivors in connection with the Mediation Program.

- For Victims/Survivors that have lawsuits pending against the Archdiocese or that have made a demand on the Archdiocese through an attorney, all notices that would ordinarily be served on them will be served instead on their attorney. Any Victim's/Survivor's attorney so served shall provide the Victims/Survivors that they represent with a copy of the Critical Notices, and any other pleadings that a Victim/Survivor requests, or that his/her Attorney believes he/she should review.
- The Victims/Survivors that recently requested assistance from the Archdiocese or have indicated a desire to enter the Mediation Program will receive the Critical Notices through Professor Eva M. Soeka, Director of Marquette University's Center for Dispute Resolution, and one of the creators of the Mediation Program, or Barbara Anne Cusack, Chancellor for the Archdiocese, or Dr. Cusack's designee.
- Notwithstanding the notice procedures detailed above, any Victim/Survivor that wishes to receive notice of all filings in the Archdiocese's chapter 11 bankruptcy case but wants to have his/her identity remain confidential can contact counsel for the Archdiocese (contact information below), or have his/her counsel do so, and arrange for notice in any manner that is acceptable to the Victim/Survivor and the Archdiocese.

Victims/Survivor Rights

Your rights may be affected by the Archdiocese's chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. You should read this notice and other notices you receive in this case carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one in this bankruptcy case. If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one.

Additional Information

The enclosed form titled "Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case and Deadlines" has additional information relevant to Victims/Survivors. Additionally, any Victim/Survivor that has questions about the administration of this case that are not addressed by this notice can confidentially contact the Archdiocese's counsel, Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C., whose contact information is the following:

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