

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

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<b>In re:</b>	<b>Case No. 11-20059-SVK</b>
<b>ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE,</b>	<b>Chapter 11</b>
<b>Debtor.</b>	<b>Hon. Susan V. Kelley</b>

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

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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, 11 U.S.C. §101, et seq. This notice (the “Notice of Filing”) provides information that may be important to survivors of abuse or others with claims relating to abuse (the “Abuse 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 anyone with a claim (i.e., a “creditor”) to have his or her claim recognized in the bankruptcy proceeding. A creditor’s failure to file a proof of claim before the Claims Bar Date may have the effect of denying that creditor any opportunity to recover on the claim against the debtor.

On June 22, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., the Court held a hearing on the Debtor’s motion for the establishment of a Claims Bar Date. On July 14, 2011, the Court signed an order that establishes two Claims Bar Dates. One of the Claims Bar Dates relates to the deadline for Abuse Survivors to file a proof of claim against the Archdiocese for claims relating to abuse. That deadline is **February 1, 2012**. Pursuant to the Court’s Confidentiality Procedures Order, all known Abuse Survivors (or their attorneys) will receive a notice via U.S. Mail (the “Bar Date Notice”) of the deadline to file proofs of claim relating to abuse. The other Claims Bar Date relates to the deadline to file claims that are not related to abuse. Non-abuse related claims have a Claims Bar Date of **October 17, 2011**.

Ordinarily all proofs of claims filed against a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding are available to the public. However, the Archdiocese and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors created procedures that allow Abuse Survivors to file claims against the Archdiocese without making their identities publicly available. The Bar Date Notice provides detailed information regarding confidentiality procedures governing the filing of claims by Abuse Survivors.



## **Confidentiality**

The Court issued an order requiring the filing under seal of certain documents that contain the names of Abuse Survivors. Filing “under seal” means that information in a document is made available to the Court but not to the public. The Court limited access to the list of names and addresses of Abuse Survivors to Court personnel, the Debtor and Debtor’s counsel, the United States Trustee, and counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors.

## **Special Procedures for Abuse Survivors to Receive Notices of Bankruptcy Court Filings**

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

- All Abuse 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 Abuse Survivors scheduled by the U.S. Trustee in this bankruptcy case;
  - f) notice of the hearing on the 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 related to the buyback of insurance; and
  - h) notice of final applications for compensation by professionals.

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- The act of providing these Critical Notices to Abuse Survivors is known as “service.” Service of any filings on an Abuse Survivor will be accomplished by U.S. mail to the last known address of an Abuse Survivor or his/her attorney. If an Abuse Survivor prefers service of notices by some other means, he/she, his/her counsel, or his/her authorized representative should make a **written** request to the Debtor’s counsel at the following address:

Daryl L. Diesing  
Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C.  
555 East Wells Street, Suite 1900  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Tel: 877-609-3995  
archmilclaims@whdlaw.com

- If an Abuse Survivor is represented by an attorney, the Debtor may serve all notices directly on that attorney, not on the Abuse Survivor. If an Abuse Survivor who is represented by an attorney would like to receive service directly, the Abuse Survivor may make a written request to the Debtor’s counsel, Mr. Diesing.
- An Abuse Survivor who wishes to receive copies of all documents filed in the Debtor’s bankruptcy case but who also wants to have his/her identity remain confidential on the envelopes containing those documents may contact Mr. Diesing, counsel for the Debtor (or have his/her attorney or authorized representative do so), to arrange for notice in any manner that is acceptable to the Abuse Survivor and practicable for the party responsible for providing copies of those documents.

### **Abuse Survivors Rights**

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

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## **Additional Information**

The enclosed form titled “Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case and Deadlines” has additional information relevant to Abuse Survivors. Additionally, any Abuse Survivor who 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:

Daryl L. Diesing  
Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C.  
555 East Wells Street, Suite 1900  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Tel: 877-609-3995  
archmilclaims@whdlaw.com

Any Abuse Survivor may also confidentially contact counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors at Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP:

James I. Stang  
Gillian N. Brown  
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP  
10100 Santa Monica Blvd., 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90067  
Tel: 310-277-6910  
jstang@pszjlaw.com  
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<http://www.pszjlaw.com/creditor-35.html>

<b>UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT</b> Eastern District of Wisconsin	
Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case and Deadlines	
A Chapter 11 bankruptcy case concerning the debtor Corporation listed below was filed on January 4, 2011. <b>This notice contains important information for the debtor(s) and creditors.</b> All documents filed in this case (except those filed under seal) may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below. NOTE: The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.	
The website of the Archdiocese's noticing agent also has links to all filings in the case and additional case information which can be accessed confidentially and free of charge at <a href="http://www.kccllc.net/ArchMil">http://www.kccllc.net/ArchMil</a> .	
Name(s) used by the debtor(s) in the last 8 years (including married, maiden, trade) and address:  Archdiocese of Milwaukee 3501 South Lake Drive Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912	
Case Number: 11-20059-svk	Taxpayer ID/Employer ID/Other Nos.: 39-0807221
Attorney for the Debtor (name and address): Daryl L. Diesing 555 East Wells Street, Suite 1900 Milwaukee, WI 53202 Telephone number: 414-273-2100	
<b>Deadline to File a Proof of Claim:</b>	
General Creditor Proofs of Claim must be <i>received</i> by the bankruptcy clerk's office by the following deadline: <b>October 17, 2011</b> at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time).	
Abuse Survivor Proofs of Claim must be <i>received</i> by the bankruptcy clerk's office by the following deadline: <b>February 1, 2012</b> at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time).	
A procedure has been established for the confidential filing of claims by Abuse Survivors.	
<b>Creditors May Not Take Certain Actions:</b>	
In most instances, the filing of a bankruptcy case automatically stays certain collections and other actions against the debtor and the debtor's property. Under the circumstances, the stay may be limited to 30 days, or not exist at all; although the debtor can request the court to extend or impose a stay. If you attempt to collect a debt or take other action in violation of the Bankruptcy Code, you may be penalized. Consult a lawyer to determine your rights in this case.	
Address of the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office: Room 126, U.S. Courthouse 517 East Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53202-4581 Telephone: (414) 297-3291 VCIS: (414) 297-3582 or Toll Free (877) 781-7277 Court Web Site: <a href="http://www.wie.uscourts.gov">http://www.wie.uscourts.gov</a>	<b>For the Court:</b>  Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court
<b>Clerk's Office Hours:</b> 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Central Time)	Date:

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
Form B9F

Filing of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case	A bankruptcy case under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (Title 11, United States Code) has been filed in this court by or against the debtor listed on the front side, and an order for relief has been entered. Chapter 11 allows a debtor to reorganize or liquidate pursuant to a plan. A plan is not effective unless confirmed by the court. You may be sent a copy of the plan and a disclosure statement telling you about the plan and you may have an opportunity to vote on the plan. You will be sent notice of the date of the confirmation hearing. You may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. Unless a trustee is serving, the debtor will remain in possession of the debtor's property and may continue to operate any business.
Legal Advice	No employee of the United States Bankruptcy Court may give legal advice. Consult a lawyer to determine your rights in this case.
Creditors Generally May Not Take Certain Actions	Prohibited collection actions are listed in Bankruptcy Code § 362. Common examples of prohibited actions include contacting the debtor by telephone, mail or otherwise to demand repayment; taking actions to collect money or to obtain property from the debtor; repossessing the debtor's property; or starting or continuing lawsuits or foreclosures. Under certain circumstances, the stay may be limited to 30 days, or not exist at all; although the debtor can request the court to extend or impose a stay.
Claims	A Proof of Claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. The Debtor has provided information at about how Abuse Survivors can file a confidential Proof of Claim. To obtain a copy of the Abuse Survivor Proof of Claim Form or for more information about filing an Abuse Survivor Proof of Claim Form, please visit the website of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors ( <a href="http://www.pszjlaw.com/creditor-35.html">http://www.pszjlaw.com/creditor-35.html</a> ) or the Debtor's website ( <a href="http://www.archmil.org/reorg/bardate.htm">www.archmil.org/reorg/bardate.htm</a> ).
Discharge of Debts	Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of your debt. <i>See</i> Bankruptcy Code § 114 (d). A discharge means that you may never try to collect the debt from the debtor, except as provided in the plan. If you believe that a debt owed to you is not dischargeable under Bankruptcy Code § 114 (d) (6) (A), you must start a lawsuit by filing a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the "Deadline to File a Complaint to Determine Dischargeability of Certain Debts" listed on the front side. The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive the complaint and any required filing fee by that deadline.
Bankruptcy Clerk's Office	Any paper that you file in this bankruptcy case should be filed at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed on the front side. You may inspect all papers filed, including the list of the debtor's property and debts, at the bankruptcy clerk's office. <b>Papers in this case may be filed with a request to file the paper under seal, to protect personal or confidential information from the public record.</b> The court will determine whether to grant the request to file the paper under seal.
Creditor with a Foreign Address	Consult a lawyer familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions regarding your rights in this case.