

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In re:

Case No.: 15-50792

Diocese of Duluth,

Chapter 11

Debtor-in-Possession.

**NOTICE OF THE TIME FOR TIMELY FILING PROOFS OF CLAIMS RELATING
TO, OR ARISING FROM, SEXUAL ABUSE**

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE.
YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.**

**TO ALL PERSONS WITH CLAIMS ARISING FROM SEXUAL ABUSE FOR WHICH
THE DIOCESE OF DULUTH MAY BE LIABLE:**

**MAY 25, 2016 IS THE LAST DATE TO TIMELY FILE PROOFS OF CLAIMS FOR
SEXUAL ABUSE**

On December 7, 2015 The Diocese of Duluth filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota. The debtor's address, the case number, proof of claim forms and other relevant information related to this Chapter 11 case may be obtained at <http://www.dioceseduluth.org>. Individuals have asserted sexual abuse claims against the Diocese, on account of alleged actions by people associated with the Diocese. Any person who believes that he or she has, or may have, a claim arising from sexual abuse as that term is defined in Minnesota Statutes §541.073(1), molestation, rape, undue familiarity, sexually-related physical, psychological or emotional harm, or contacts or interactions of a sexual nature between a child and an adult, or a non-consenting adult and another adult for which such persons believe that the Diocese may be liable should carefully read this notice.

**YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
INCLUDING WHETHER YOU SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.**

LAST DATE FOR TIMELY FILING

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota entered an order establishing **May 25, 2016**, as the last date for each Sexual Abuse Claimant to timely file a proof of claim. The Claim Filing Deadline and the procedures set forth below for Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Forms apply to all Sexual Abuse Claims against the debtor, based upon alleged acts of sexual abuse occurring prior to December 7, 2015.

WHO SHOULD FILE

If you believe that you have a Sexual Abuse Claim, you should file a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim to maintain and preserve any claims that you have against the debtor. Even if you have already filed a lawsuit against the debtor alleging sexual abuse prior to December 7, 2015, you should still file a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form to maintain and preserve your rights in the debtor's Chapter 11 case.

WHO SHOULD NOT FILE

You should not file a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form if:

Your Sexual Abuse Claim has already been paid in full;

You do not have a claim against the debtor.

WHAT TO FILE

FILE A SEXUAL ABUSE PROOF OF CLAIM FORM, A COPY OF WHICH IS ENCLOSED. YOU MAY ALSO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SEXUAL ABUSE PROOF OF CLAIM FORM BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:

PROCEDURES FOR FILING A SEXUAL ABUSE PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

To file a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form, take the following steps:

Fill out the Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form in its entirety.

For additional copies of the Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form: (a) photocopy the Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form; (b) contact the debtor between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time), Monday through Friday; (c) visit the debtor's website at: <http://www.dioceseduluth.org>; or (d) visit the website of United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota at <http://www.mnb.uscourts.gov/>

Please note that the Court's Clerk staff is not permitted to give legal advice. You should consult your own attorney for assistance regarding any such inquiries.

Return the completed original Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court Clerk at the address set forth below by the Claim Filing Deadline. Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Forms will be deemed timely filed only if they are **actually received** by the Clerk of Court by **May 25, 2016**.

If you are returning a Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form by mail, allow sufficient mailing time so that the Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form is received on or before **May 25, 2016**. Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Forms that are postmarked before that date, *i.e.*, the Claim

Filing Deadline, but which are received by the Clerk of the Court after the Claim Filing Deadline, will be considered tardy.

Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Forms should be delivered to the following address:

Clerk of Court
U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of Minnesota
301 U.S. Courthouse
300 South Fourth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415
Attention: Heidi

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

There may be consequences for failing to file a claim. Please consult your attorney.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Filed Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Forms will remain confidential in this bankruptcy case, unless you elect otherwise in Part 1 of the Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form. Therefore, the Sexual Abuse Proof of Claim Form that you file will not be available to the general public, but will be kept confidential, except that information will be provided to the debtor, the United States Trustee for the District of Minnesota, the debtor's insurers, attorneys for the official committee of unsecured creditors and its members, any future claims representative appointed under a plan of reorganization, any settlement trustee appointed to administer payments to Sexual Abuse Claimants, prison authorities for incarcerated Sexual Abuse Claimants and such other persons as the court determines should have the information in order to evaluate the Sexual Abuse Claim, all of whom will agree to keep the information provided by you confidential.

Dated: