

TO: Pastors, Pastoral Administrators, Finance Directors, Campus Ministers
FROM: Lisa Passero, Chief Financial Officer
CC: Safe Environment Coordinators, Ad hoc Parish Committee Members
SUBJECT: IMPORTANT ACTION REQUIRED: Bar Date Notification
DATE: February 28, 2020

The United States Bankruptcy Court of the Western District of New York issued an order establishing the deadline for filing Proofs of Claim (August 13, 2020), approving the form of the proofs of claim, and approving the manner/requirements of giving notice of the deadline for filing proofs of claim (the Order). The purpose of this memo is to outline what the parishes must do to ensure full compliance with the notice requirements of the Order.

The notice requirements include required posting and/or publication of the *Publication Notice (Exhibit 2)* in various parish communications outlets (bulletin, website, public areas of the parish and Internet social media channels). A detailed Schedule of Publications is attached (*Exhibit 1*). It is critical that the notice requirements below are followed very precisely.

If the Diocese is currently hosting your website, your website will be updated by the Information Technology Department automatically, and no further work is required on your part with respect to the website only.

We are required to track compliance with the Court's Order. After websites and social media sites are updated by parishes with the proper postings, please email links of the sites to thomas.veeder@dor.org.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Doug Mandelaro or Tom Veeder at:

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1-800-388-7177 x1247
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Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this very important matter.

Ad hoc Parish Committee

Rev. Thomas P. Mull, Chairperson, *Pastor*, Our Lady of Peace Parish, Geneva
Rev. Augustine Chumo, *Pastor*, Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca
Mr. Kevin Foy, *Lay Trustee*, Holy Cross Parish, Charlotte
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Rev. Matthew Jones, *Pastor*, All Saints Parish, Corning
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Mr. Timothy P. Lyster, *Attorney*, Woods Oviatt Gilman, LLP
Rev. James Schwartz, *Pastor*, St. Joseph Church, Holy Spirit Church, Penfield

EXHIBIT 1

SCHEDULE OF PUBLICATION

MATERIAL	WHERE TO POST	WHEN TO POST/PUBLISH
Publication Notice (Exhibit 2) <i>printed copy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public areas (bulletin boards, parish office, public display areas) 	No later than March 12, 2020, and until expiration of the Bar Date August 13, 2020 11:59pm
Publication Notice (Exhibit 2) with clickable link to the Proofs of Claim on the Stretto Website: (https://case.stretto.com/rochesterdiocese/fileclaim)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parish’s website (homepage) and a pinned posting on all parish social media sites (Facebook, Twitter) 	No later than March 12, 2020 and every 30 days until expiration of the Bar Date, August 13, 2020, 11:59 p.m. (<i>Note The easiest way to comply is to post and leave the item until the Bar Date expiration.</i>)
Publication Notice (Exhibit 2) <i>printed copy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Bulletins 	Twice before the Bar Date. Once in March or April and again in May or June.

For Technical Support please contact the Help Desk at 1-800-844-7177 or helpdesk@dor.org.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Diocese of Rochester
Case No. 19-20905

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On September 12, 2019, the Diocese of Rochester ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/rochesterdiocese> or call (855) 347-3773 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS MADE TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEBTOR'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.