

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT**

In re:

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington,
Vermont,

Case No.: 24-10205-HZC
Chapter 11 Case

Debtor.

**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 ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON, VERMONT MAY BE
LIABLE:**

**APRIL 4, 2025 IS THE LAST DATE TO TIMELY FILE PROOFS OF CLAIMS FOR
SEXUAL ABUSE**

On September 30, 2024, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vermont (the “Diocese”) filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont (the “Court”). The Diocese’s address, the case number, proof of claim form, and other relevant information related to this chapter 11 case may be obtained at <https://www.vermontcatholic.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 “childhood sexual abuse” or “childhood physical abuse” as those terms are defined in 12 V.S.A. § 522 (the “Sexual Abuse Claims”) for which such person believes that the Diocese may be liable (each such person, a “Survivor”) 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 Bankruptcy Court entered an order establishing **April 4, 2025** (the “Claim Filing Deadline”), as the last date for each Survivor to timely file a proof of claim. The Claim Filing Deadline and the procedures set forth below for the confidential survivor claim form and optional supplement

applying to Sexual Abuse Claims (the “Confidential Survivor Claim Form”) shall apply to all Sexual Abuse Claims alleged to have occurred prior to the Claim Filing Deadline.

WHO SHOULD FILE

If you believe that you have a Sexual Abuse Claim, you should file a Confidential Survivor Claim Form to maintain and preserve any claims that you have against the Diocese. Even if you have already filed a lawsuit against the Diocese alleging sexual abuse prior to the Claim Filing Deadline, you should still file a Confidential Survivor Claim Form to maintain and preserve your rights in the Diocese’s chapter 11 case.

WHO SHOULD NOT FILE

You should not file a Confidential Survivor Claim Form if:

Your Sexual Abuse Claim has already been paid in full **OR**

You do not have a claim against the Diocese.

WHAT TO FILE

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

PROCEDURES FOR FILING A CONFIDENTIAL SURVIVOR CLAIM FORM

To file a Confidential Survivor Claim Form, take the following steps:

Fill out the Confidential Survivor Claim Form in its entirety.

For additional copies of the Confidential Survivor Claim Form: (a) photocopy the Confidential Survivor Claim Form; (b) contact the Diocese between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time), Monday through Friday; (c) visit the Diocese’s website at: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/>; (d) visit the website of the Claims and Noticing Agent for this case, Stretto, Inc. (“Stretto”), at <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefurburlington>; or (e) visit the website for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont at <https://www.vtb.uscourts.gov>.

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

Return the completed original Confidential Survivor Claim Form to Stretto at the address set forth below by the Claim Filing Deadline. Confidential Survivor Claim Form will be deemed timely filed only if they are **actually received** by Stretto by **April 4, 2025**.

If you are returning a Confidential Survivor Claim Form by mail, allow sufficient mailing time so that the Confidential Survivor Claim Form is received on or before **April 4, 2025**.
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Survivor Claim Form that are postmarked before that date, *i.e.*, the Claim Filing Deadline, but which are received by Stretto after the Claim Filing Deadline, will be considered tardy.

Confidential Survivor Claim Forms should be delivered to the following address:

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vermont
Claims Processing
c/o Stretto, Inc.
410 Exchange, Suite 100
Irvine, CA 92602.

Alternatively, you may submit the Confidential Survivor Claim Form electronically through Stretto Inc.'s case website at: <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefburlington/fileclaim>.

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 Confidential Survivor Claim Form will remain confidential in this chapter 11 case, unless you elect otherwise in Part 1 of the Confidential Survivor Claim Form. Therefore, Confidential Survivor 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 Diocese, the United States Trustee for the District of Vermont, the Diocese's insurers, attorneys for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors and its members, and other parties specifically authorized by the Court, all of whom will agree to keep the information provided by you confidential.

Dated: December 31, 2024