

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:

THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO, N.Y.,

Debtor.

Case No. 20-10322 (CLB)

Chapter 11

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**NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER CONFIRMATION OF THE  
SECOND AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF  
REORGANIZATION FOR THE DIOCESE  
OF BUFFALO, N.Y. AND THE ADDITIONAL DEBTORS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:**

1. On August 27, 2026, The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. (“Diocese”), the Additional Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) (collectively, the “Plan Proponents”) filed *the Disclosure Statement in Support of the Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization for The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. and the Additional Debtors* (the “Disclosure Statement”) in connection with *the Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization for The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. and the Additional Debtors* (together with the Joint Plan Supplement and Exhibits thereto, as they may be amended, the “Joint Plan”). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Joint Plan.

2. On August 28, 2026, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York (the “Court”) entered an order approving the Disclosure Statement (the “Disclosure Statement Order”). The Disclosure Statement Order authorizes the Plan Proponents to solicit votes to accept or reject the Joint Plan pursuant to chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”). **A hearing to consider the confirmation of the Joint Plan (the “Confirmation Hearing”), will commence at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time) on October 27, 2026** before the Honorable Carl L. Bucki, Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of New York, at 2 Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY 14202. Remote public access will not be provided by the Court. Judicial Conference policy prohibits audio access to proceedings that may involve testimony.

3. The Confirmation Hearing may be adjourned or continued from time to time without further notice except as announced in open court or filed on the Court’s docket. The Diocese may modify the Joint Plan, if necessary, prior to, during, or as a result of the Confirmation Hearing in accordance with the terms of the Joint Plan without further notice, unless such notice is required by the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, or other applicable law.

4. The Joint Plan provides for the reorganization of the Diocese’s financial affairs and for distributions to creditors from the Diocese’s assets. The Joint Plan also provides for a

trust to settle claims and make distributions to holders of Abuse Claims against the Diocese and the Parishes, schools, and other catholic organizations who are Diocese Settling Parties. The confirmation and effectiveness of the Joint Plan are subject to material conditions precedent, some of which may not be satisfied.

5. The Joint Plan proposes certain releases and injunctions in furtherance of the Joint Plan. The Joint Plan proposes a Channeling Injunction that permanently channels, among other things, Abuse Claims and Inbound Contribution Claims against the Diocese and the Parishes, Schools and other catholic organizations that comprise the other Diocese Settling Parties identified in *Exhibit A*, to a Trust established pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. In addition, the Joint Plan proposes a full release of the Released Parties and their respective property, from among other things, any and all Claims relating to the Diocese, the Diocese Settling Parties, the Estate, and the conduct of the Diocese's and the Diocese Settling Parties' businesses. For the specific terms and conditions of all the releases and injunctions provided for in the Joint Plan, and the precise scope of the Claims to be channeled, please refer to Section 12 of the Joint Plan, available at <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefbuffalo>.

6. **Any objections or responses to the Joint Plan must conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and be filed with the Bankruptcy Court no later than October 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).**

**IF THE JOINT PLAN IS CONFIRMED AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OCCURS, ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DIOCESE (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, HOLDERS OF CLAIMS WHO DO NOT VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN OR WHO ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE) WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE CONFIRMED JOINT PLAN AND THE TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED THEREIN. IF YOU HOLD CLAIMS AGAINST THE DIOCESE, THE PARISHES, SCHOOLS AND OTHER CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS COMPRISING THE DIOCESE SETTLING PARTIES, OR THE SETTLING INSURERS, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE JOINT PLAN AND THE TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED THEREIN. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD READ THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, JOINT PLAN, AND RELATED MATERIALS CAREFULLY AND DISCUSS THEM WITH YOUR ATTORNEY. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT ONE.**

**Copies of the Disclosure Statement and the Joint Plan and other related documents are available at <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefbuffalo> or by calling 855.292.7696.**