

LEGAL NOTICE

- ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON BANKRUPTCY -

If you were abused or suffered any injury by a priest or other person working in ministry for the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon or for a Catholic parish/school of the Archdiocese¹, you must act now to preserve your rights.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Portland in Oregon, and successors, a corporation sole, dba the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon (the "Archdiocese") filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. As part of the bankruptcy process, the Archdiocese must alert those who have Tort Claims against the Archdiocese. You must file these claims by December 31, 2004 (the "*Tort Claims Bar Date*").

Certain priests and others serving in Catholic churches, schools, and other organizations in the area served by the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon are alleged to have sexually abused children or committed other negligent or intentional acts, resulting in injuries or damages to persons affected, and resulting in a potential Tort Claim against the Archdiocese.

Each parish, school, and organization served by the Archdiocese is listed on the long form Notice of Tort Claims Bar Date described below. You should obtain a copy of such form for additional information.

To preserve your claim against the Archdiocese, you must file a claim to be received by December 31, 2004.² If you do not file a claim, you will lose your right to bring such a claim against the Archdiocese in the future. Filing a claim does not necessarily entitle you to compensation.

For more information, or to receive a long form Notice of Tort Claims Bar Date and Tort Proof of Claim Form, call the toll-free number listed below, or write to: Claims Agent, Re: Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, [Address], or visit the website at [web address].

¹See long form Notice of Tort Claims Bar Date for parishes and schools of the Archdiocese.

²If you previously settled a Tort Claim with the Archdiocese before the bankruptcy, but have not yet been paid, you must still file a claim. Please obtain a long form notice for more information.

There are several types of claims subject to the Bar Date. Complete descriptions of these claims as well as more details about the bankruptcy may be found in the long form notice and Tort Proof of Claim Form that is available at the website or by calling the number below. The foregoing and following is only a summary.

Tort Claims are generally those claims resulting from negligent or intentional actions that result in an injury or damages to a person or that person's property, including but

not limited to claims for personal injury, wrongful death, assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, child abuse, rape, defamation, and conversion. Tort Claims specifically include any claims against the Archdiocese arising out of sex abuse or sexual misconduct.

A separate bar date of November 4, 2004 has been established for non-tort claims, such as claims of commercial creditors and suppliers. Those creditors must file their claims by November 4, 2004 on a different proof of claim form than that for Tort Claims. If you are a commercial creditor or supplier, the general proof of claim form for filing your claim can be obtained by calling the number below, or by accessing the Archdiocese's Chapter 11 website.

1-800-_____

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