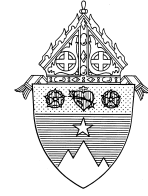


**Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska
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Bishop's Office

June 12, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is a time of special activity: planting gardens, preparing for fishing season and mending all the tears and wears of winter.

I write you now to let you know the diocese has been busy as well. We continue to move towards a hopefully consensual plan in our Chapter 11 reorganization case in the federal Bankruptcy Court.

With that in mind I want to alert you that you will be seeing notices from us shortly as we advertise in papers, on television and radio. **The purpose of these ads is to let anyone know they have to act by December 2, 2008 to file a claim against Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska sometimes called the Fairbanks Diocese.** Anyone who feels the Church has harmed them in any way, possibly by a clergy member, religious brother or sister or by a volunteer, should read the notice and then fill out a claim form. Also, there are different claim forms for vendors or others who feel the Church may owe them money.

On this site we will list the official notices and the various claim forms. **Please take the time to review them, download them and fill them out if you want to file a claim. Be sure to follow the very detailed instructions of how to fill them out and where to file them. Also, there is information in the notices that tell you where to call if you need more information.**

I entered into this process because I believe it is the most pastoral effort we can make to address the harm of past abuse. To really make that happen it is important that we can inform as many people as we can that the Bankruptcy Court has set a date by which claims have to be filed. **Now is the time to step forward.**

You are in my prayers and I ask you to pray as we continue to restore health, justice and Christ's peace to our diocese.

God bless us all.

+ Donald J. Kettler
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