

Comment in Response to Kentucky Post's July 8 Story  
Regarding the Diocese of Covington

The Kentucky Post's headline, "Diocese Ponders Bankruptcy," is not accurate. The Diocese has no current plans to file for bankruptcy. We are surprised and disappointed that general comments I intended as background observations in response to a reporter's inquiry about the ongoing mediation and the Portland bankruptcy were taken out of context and catapulted by the Post into headline status. The Diocese is not actively "pondering bankruptcy" at this time, nor did I or the Diocese ever indicate otherwise.

As I told the Post reporter, we are currently engaged in serious settlement negotiations, with the assistance of an excellent mediator, Kenneth Feinberg. The parties have agreed not to comment publicly on the progress of the mediation. However, we have every hope that the mediation will be successful and that all the victims' claims will be resolved.

The Diocese will continue to do everything it can to address the needs of those who were abused as minors by priests.

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