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Content Notice

This item is part of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Institutional Abuse Collection, and it may contain descriptions of physical, emotional, sexual, and religious abuse, including abuse of minors. Other potentially sensitive topics within the collection include mental health conditions, substance abuse, and other forms of violence.

Resources are available if you or someone you know needs support for any reason.

For the National Sexual Assault Hotline, call 800-656-HOPE (4673) or go to <https://hotline.rainn.org/online>

For the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call or text 988, or go to <https://chat.988lifeline.org/>

For the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Helpline, call 1-800-662-4357

For crisis treatment in New Mexico: <https://www.nmhealth.org/contact/crisis/>

Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests resources: https://www.snapnetwork.org/resources_for_survivors

To report abuse:

- <https://archdiosf.org/report-abuse>
- <https://www.reportbishopabuse.org/>

To report child abuse:

- <https://www.childhelpline.org/>

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

In re:

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE, a New Mexico
corporation sole,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

United States Bankruptcy Court
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Case No. 18-13027-t11

CORRECTED SEXUAL ABUSE PROOF OF CLAIM

This form has been corrected solely with respect to the address for hand delivery.

IMPORTANT:

**THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
June 17, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING MOUNTAIN TIME)**

Carefully read Notice and Instructions that are included with this **CONFIDENTIAL PROOF OF CLAIM** and complete all applicable questions. Send together with one copy to: Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico at the following address: Office of the Clerk of Court-ATTN SEALED DOCUMENTS, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico, Pete V. Domenici U.S. Courthouse, 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Suite 360 Albuquerque, NM 87102. If you prefer to hand deliver the completed Confidential Proof of Claim form to the Clerk, the physical address for hand delivery is Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Mexico, 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Suite 360 Albuquerque, NM.

If you mail or deliver the Confidential Proof of Claim form it must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Mountain Time) on June 17, 2019.

YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING THIS MATTER.

AND YOU MAY ALSO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS BY CALLING TOLL FREE AT 888-570-6217.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM MAY RESULT IN YOUR INABILITY TO VOTE ON A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND RECEIVE A DISTRIBUTION FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE (THE "ARCHDIOCESE").

UNLESS YOU INDICATE OTHERWISE IN PART 1 BELOW, YOUR IDENTITY WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, UNDER SEAL, AND OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT. HOWEVER, THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND THE INFORMATION IN THIS PROOF OF CLAIM WILL BE PROVIDED

PURSUANT TO COURT-APPROVED CONFIDENTIALITY GUIDELINES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE, THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS AND TO SUCH OTHER PERSONS AS THE BANKRUPTCY COURT DETERMINES NEED THE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE CLAIM.

THIS PROOF OF CLAIM IS FOR SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANTS ONLY.

For the purposes of this Proof of Claim, a **Sexual Abuse Claim** is defined as any Claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) against the Archdiocese resulting or arising in whole or in part, directly or indirectly from any actual or alleged sexual conduct or misconduct, sexual abuse or molestation, indecent assault and/or battery, rape, pedophilia, ephebophilia, or sexually-related physical, psychological, or emotional harm, or contacts, or interactions of a sexual nature between a child and an adult, or a nonconsenting adult and another adult, sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual psychological or emotional abuse, humiliation, or intimidation, or any other sexual misconduct, and seeking monetary damages or any other relief, under any theory of liability, including vicarious liability, any negligence-based theory, contribution, indemnity, or any other theory based on any acts or failures to act by the Archdiocese or any other person or entity for whose acts or failures to act the Archdiocese is or was allegedly responsible.

For Purposes of this Proof of Claim, a **Sexual Abuse Claimant** is defined as the person asserting a Sexual Abuse Claim against the Archdiocese, or if a minor, then his parent or legal guardian.

TO BE VALID, THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE SIGNED BY YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY. IF THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT IS DECEASED OR INCAPACITATED, THE FORM MAY BE SIGNED BY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE. IF THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT IS A MINOR, THE FORM MAY BE SIGNED BY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT'S ATTORNEY.

Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.

PART 1: CONFIDENTIALITY

THIS SEXUAL ABUSE PROOF OF CLAIM (ALONG WITH ANY ACCOMPANYING EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS) WILL BE MAINTAINED AS CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO COURT-APPROVED GUIDELINES UNLESS YOU EXPRESSLY REQUEST THAT IT BE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE BY CHECKING THE BOX AND SIGNING BELOW. ONLY THE SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANT MAY WAIVE CONFIDENTIALITY IN THIS PART 1.

- I do not want this Proof of Claim (along with any accompanying exhibits and attachments) to be kept confidential. Please verify this election by signing directly below.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Telephone No.

Fax No.

E-mail address

PART 3: NATURE OF COMPLAINT

(Attach additional separate sheets if necessary)

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE IN STATE OR FEDERAL COURT, YOU MAY ATTACH THE COMPLAINT. IF YOU DID NOT FILE A LAWSUIT, OR IF THE COMPLAINT DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW.

- a. Who committed the acts of sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct?

Fr. Robert Smith abused me when I was a child, while he was employed, empowered, and protected by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, the Annunciation Parish, and the Servants of the Paraclete.

- b. What is the position, title or relationship to you (if known) of the abuser or individual who committed these acts?

Fr. Smith was a friend of my family, and my confessor and priest. I was his altar boy.

- c. Where did the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct take place? Please be specific and complete all relevant information that you know, including the City and State, name of the School (if applicable) and/or the name of any other location.

It happened at a downtown Santa Fe hotel, where he had me stay with him when he took me to celebrate in Santa Fe after I finished middle school at Annunciation.

- d. When did the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct take place?

1. If the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct took place over a period of time (months or years), please state when it started, when it stopped, and how many times it occurred.

It was one night in June or July of 1972.

2. Please also state your age(s) and your grade(s) in school (if applicable) at the time the abuse or other wrongful conduct took place.

I was 13 at the time, and just graduated from Annunciation.

- e. What happened (describe what happened):

Fr. Smith was a friend of the family, and it was an honor when he asked my parents to take me to mass in the Cathedral in Santa Fe to celebrate graduating middle school at Annunciation. He called it a "boys night out" because we were going to spend the night in a hotel in downtown Santa Fe on Saturday night and then go to the Sunday mass in the morning. He brought beer and some playboy magazines with him. He took me out to dinner and then we went back to the hotel and had some beers. He said that "this is what guys do" when we ended up in our underwear looking at the magazines. He made me feel like I was in some kind of gentleman's club. He started rubbing himself and was hard. I guess as a way to explain his erection he said he had elephantiasis and that he needed me to rub his penis to make it feel better. Him being a priest, I totally trusted him. I was also intoxicated. I had slept with him. I know that he did things to me but I was too drunk to recall what he did after he asked me to rub his penis. The next morning we went to mass at the Cathedral and drove home to Albuquerque.

- f. Did you tell anyone about the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct and, if so, who did you tell and when (this would include parents; relatives; friends; the Archdiocese; attorneys; counselors; and law enforcement authorities)?

I have only told my attorneys in May, 2019, prompted in part by my mom's passing, and the trial of Fr. Perrault I saw in the news.

- g. Identify any church or religious organization you have belonged to or have been affiliated with.

I was born a Catholic and was an altar boy, but stopped going to church and quit the Franciscan Prep School my parents sent me to not long after the abuse.

- h. State whether there were any witnesses to the abuse. If there were any witnesses, please list their name(s) and any contact information you have.

There were no witnesses that I know of.

PART 4: IMPACT OF COMPLAINT
(Attach additional separate sheets if necessary)

(If you are uncertain how to respond to this Part 4, you may leave this Part 4 blank, but you will be required to complete this Part 4 within thirty (30) days after a written request is made for the information requested in this Part 4)

1. What injuries (including physical, mental and/or emotional) have occurred to you because of the act or acts of sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct that resulted in the claim (for example, the effect on your education, employment, personal relationships, health, and any physical injuries)?

In the fall after the abuse I went to a Franciscan Prep School in Kansas, and felt reminded of Fr. Smith by the Teacher I had. I was drinking and doing drugs to avoid something – I didn't know it then, but I believe it was to not face what Fr. Smith did to me. I called my mom and my step dad to take me home after the school year, and I went to high school at Sandia, in Albuquerque, where I continued drinking and smoking pot to avoid thinking about Fr. Smith. Other than my marriage at my wife's church I have never been back to church. The abuse destroyed my faith and trust, and rather than strive to embody the principles preached by the church, the motivations guiding my choices became centered on avoiding the memory of the night Fr. Smith sexually abused me. I became addicted to drugs and alcohol for quite a few years. I was hypervigilant as a father, and wouldn't let my children join any clubs. Fr. Smith singled me out and planned the whole thing, and then rejected me. I have always been confused by that. He continued to inflict pain on me by attending family events years after he abused me, pretending that nothing ever happened.

2. Have you sought counseling or other treatment for your injuries? If so, with whom and when?

I have not.

PART 5: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Prior Claims: Have you filed any claims in any other bankruptcy case relating to the sexual abuse described in this claim.

Yes No (If "Yes," you are required to attach a copy of any completed claim form.)

If "Yes," which case(s):

2. Settlements: Regardless of whether a complaint was ever filed against any party because of the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct, have you settled any claim relating to the sexual abuse or other wrongful conduct described in this claim?

Yes No (If "Yes," please describe, including parties to the settlement. You are required to attach a copy of any settlement agreement.)

3. Bankruptcy. Have you ever filed bankruptcy? Yes No (If "Yes," please provide the following information:

Name of Case: _____ Court: _____

Date filed: _____ Case No. _____

Chapter: 7 11 12 13 Name of Trustee: _____

4. State whether you have previously commenced any lawsuit seeking damages for the identified sexual abuse. If yes, please state: NO

a. Where and when you commenced the lawsuit:

b. The parties to the lawsuit:

c. The case number if any:

d. The result of the lawsuit:

Sign and print your name. If you are signing the claim on behalf of another person or an estate, print your title.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare the foregoing statements to be true and correct.

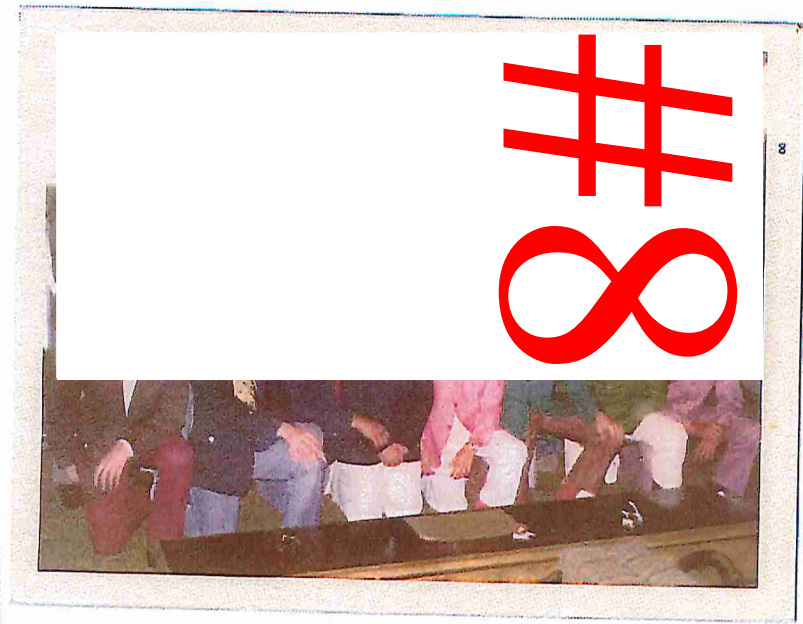
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Relationship to Sexual Abuse Claimant: _____



8th grade graduation



Fr. Smith with my family, 5 years after
he abused me.