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Plan of Reorganization Fact Sheet and Summary

MILWAUKEE – The Archdiocese of Milwaukee filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on January 4, 2011. The abuse survivor bar date – the date by which any claims of clergy sexual abuse had to be filed – was February 1, 2012. Filing the Plan of Reorganization is an important milestone in a bankruptcy proceeding. The Plan of Reorganization describes how the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will satisfy the claims filed against it in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding and how it will continue to operate as an organization.

Here is a summary of the Plan of Reorganization. The Plan:

- Establishes a \$500,000 therapy fund to provide lifetime therapy payments and support to those abused by diocesan priests.
- Settles litigation against London Market Insurers which will be paid out to abuse survivors and be used to pay part of the accrued administrative expenses.
- Provides a financial settlement for abuse survivors with eligible claims, using the classification of claims established by the court.
- Provides funds to pay for litigation against other archdiocesan insurance companies for the recovery of additional monies to benefit abuse survivors.
- Outlines a feasible operational plan for the archdiocese to continue its ministry in the community, providing the worship, outreach and service that make up the work of the Catholic Church in southeastern Wisconsin.
- Affirms the archdiocese's commitment to preventing child sexual abuse within the Church and within our society by outlining its voluntary action plan of non-monetary commitments to keep children safe.
- Ensures that no priest with a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor can ever serve in public ministry in any capacity in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

- Affirms the archdiocese's commitment to transparency and candid communication by making public the names and related documents of any diocesan priest with a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor.
- Converts the five parcels of undeveloped real estate owned by the archdiocese into cash at more than their loan or sale value by using the property as collateral to secure the loan to pay administrative expenses of the proceeding.
- Utilizes the loan as a way to come up with the cash needed to pay the estimated \$5 million in accrued professional fees as required by the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.
- Restructures the debt on the Cousins Center property to allow for repayment of the mortgage to Park Bank, a secured creditor, and utilize the property for archdiocesan offices because it is less expensive than relocating the operational offices.
- Renegotiates the Cousins Center lease with the Milwaukee Bucks, increasing annual revenue to help offset building operations.
- Respects and honors the donor restrictions and designations of funds held by the diocese to be used for specific designated purposes.

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