## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

In re:	Chapter 11
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF GALLUP, a New Mexico corporation sole,	Case No. 13-13676-t11
	Jointly Administered with:
Debtor.	Case No. 13-13677-t11
BISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF GALLUP, an Arizona corporation sole.	
This pleading applies to:	
☐ All Debtors	
■ Specified Debtor – RCCDG	

## MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY

(Jane L.S. Doe v. The Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Gallup, et al., Case no. CV2015-00277), Superior Court of the State of Arizona (Coconino County))

- Jane L. S. Doe moves this Court for an order granting relief from the automatic stay to allow *John L.S. Doe v. The Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Gallup, et al.*, Case no. CV2015-00277), Superior Court of the State of Arizona (Coconino County) (the "Clergy Abuse Action") to proceed to judgment on the grounds set forth below.
- The Debtors filed petitions for relief under Chapter 11 on November 12, 2013. No
   Trustee yet has been appointed.
- 2. The Clergy Abuse Action seeks damages against the Debtors and other third parties related to clergy sexual child abuse.
- 3. The Clergy Abuse Action is pending in Arizona Superior Court, subject to the automatic stay. The claims set forth in the Clergy Abuse Action are unliquidated.

- 4. Relief from the automatic stay should be granted because cause exists as set forth in the "Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors' Memorandum in Support of Stay Relief Motions", filed concurrently with this Motion.
- 5. The Debtors' counsel did not return under signed counsel's phone call of July 2, 2015 or otherwise respond. Instead Debtor's counsel requested and filed a Notice of Expedited Status Hearing (Dkt 395). Upon information and belief Debtor will oppose the Motion.

The Motion is supported by the "Official Committee of Unsecured Creditor' Memorandum in Support of Stay Relief Motions" and any related declaration or reply pleadings and such other arguments or evidence as may be adduced at the hearing hereon.

WHEREFORE, Jane L. S. Doe prays that this Court issue an Order granting the following:

- (a) Relief as requested.
- (b) Such other relief as the Court deems just.

Dated: July 8, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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12	DECLARATION OF ROBERT E. PASTOR IN SUPPORT OF MOTIONS FOR RELIEF	
13	FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY	
14	I, Robert E. Pastor, hereby declare:	
15	1. I am counsel of record for the plaintiffs in Moya v. The Roman Catholic Church of the	
16	Diocese of Gallup, et al., Case no. CV2010-00713, Superior Court of the State of Arizona (Coconing	
17	County); Jane L.S. Doe v. The Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Gallup, et al., Case no.	
18	CV2015-00277) and John M. H. Doe v. The Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Gallup, et al.,	
19	Case no. CV2013-00361), Superior Court of the State of Arizona (Coconino County) (the "Gallup	
20	Actions"). In addition to these plaintiffs, I represent 17 survivors of clergy sexual abuse who filed	
21	proofs of claim in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases.	
22	I am a partner at the law firm of Montoya, Jimenez & Pastor, P.A. We focus our practice	
23	representing individuals and families who have been injured by the intentional and negligent acts of	
24	others. I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Boston College in May 1997. I	
25	earned my Juris Doctor degree from Arizona State University in May 2002. I was admitted to the	
26	State Bar of Arizona in October 2002. I served	as a Deputy Maricopa County Attorney from

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November 2002 through September 2005. Some of the criminal cases I prosecuted included multi-

defendant drug sales, car-theft rings, kidnapping, stabbings, and armed robberies. I eventually

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moved into a specialized crime unit where I prosecuted child abuse crimes. In September 2005, I joined a plaintiff's personal injury law firm. I became a shareholder partner in that firm. During my career I represented individuals in lawsuits involving medical negligence, crashworthiness, tire tread-belt separation, motor vehicle collisions, sexual abuse, insurance coverage and insurance bad faith cases. In the area of sexual abuse, I have prosecuted civil claims against a variety of entities who have a duty to protect others from sexual abuse or who could have prevented the sexual abuse from occurring. Those entities include, but are not limited to, the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Phoenix, The Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Tucson, Child Protective Services, group homes, youth-sports organizations, homeowners, private schools, public schools, after-school-care programs, law enforcement, summer youth camps, and county probation departments. Throughout my career, I have focused my practice on litigation and trial practice. In my career, I have tried more than 40 jury trials to verdict.

I attended the Court-ordered mediation on June 15, 2105 on behalf of my clients, three of whom are members of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and can competently testify thereto.

- 2. The following summarizes the prepetition status of the Gallup Actions:
- a. *Moya v. The Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Gallup, et al.*, Case no. CV2010-00713, Superior Court of the State of Arizona (Coconino County). Mr. Moya is a survivor of abuse by Fr. Clement Hageman (deceased). The Debtor admits that Hageman is a credibly accused abuser. Hageman is the named perpetrator in 18 of the 57 abuse claims filed in the bankruptcy case and the abuser who may expose the Diocese of Corpus Christi to claims by the Debtor for contribution and indemnity. To the best of my knowledge, the Debtor does not have liability insurance for Hageman claims. Of all the prepetition abuse suits, Mr. Moya's suit is the closest to being ready for trial. The remaining discovery is the Debtor's independent medical exam of Mr. Moya (which had been scheduled prior to the bankruptcy), Moya's deposition of the examining physician and the deposition of Mr. Moya's expert psychologist. One of the witnesses is the survivor who filed abuse claim no. 39. A jury, in effect, will hear two abuse stories in one trial.

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Upon completing this discovery, the case is ready for trial.<sup>1</sup> A true and correct copy of Mr. Moya's filed proof of claim and the Superior Court complaint are attached as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively.

Jane L.S. Doe v. The Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Gallup, et al., Case b. no. CV2015-00277), Superior Court of the State of Arizona (Coconino County): Ms. Doe is a survivor of abuse by Br. Mark Schornack (deceased), a member of the Franciscans. Schornack is the named perpetrator in two of the abuse claims filed in the bankruptcy case. I believe that Schornack is a "credibly accused" abuser as that term is used by Catholic bishops. Ms. Doe's suit is against the Debtor and the Franciscans, one of 5 claims filed in the bankruptcy cases that implicate the Franciscans. I believe that the Debtor has insurance coverage for this claim from Catholic Mutual and the NMGF and that the Franciscans have liability insurance for this claim and one other claim for abuse by Schornack. Prior to the mediation, Ms. Doe was deposed by defense counsel for the Debtor (under Catholic Mutual's defense obligations), and the Franciscans for approximately five (5) hours.<sup>2</sup> I am informed by counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors that the Franciscans have disclosed Brother Schornack's priest file but refuse to disclose that file to the general public. No other discovery has been conducted by the defendants. A true and correct copy of Jane Doe's filed proof of claim and her Superior Court complaint are attached as Exhibits 3 and 4, respectively.

c. John M. H. Doe v. The Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Gallup, et al., Case no. CV2013-00361), Superior Court of the State of Arizona (Coconino County): Mr. Doe is a survivor of abuse by Fr. Raul Sanchez, a former Chancellor of the Diocese of Gallup and a fugitive in Mexico. The Debtor admits that Sanchez is a credibly accused abuser. He is the named abuser in 2 of the abuse claims filed in the bankruptcy case. The Committee believes that the Debtor has insurance coverage for this claim from NMGF. NMGF had the opportunity to depose Mr. Doe prior to the mediation but did not do so. Mr. Doe is prepared to disclose an expert report from forensic psychologist Daniel Brown, Ph.D. if and when the state court litigation resumes. Witnesses in the underlying state court case will also include a whistle blower who alerted the diocese that Father

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. Moya's outstanding discovery request regarding the Debtor's financial condition, related to a claim for punitive damages, may be most in light of the subordination of punitive damage claims for "best interest test" purposes.

Sanchez was engaged in clergy sexual misconduct. A true and correct copy of John Doe's filed proof of claim and the Superior Court complaint are attached as Exhibits 5 and 6, respectively.

- 3. The Debtor, Committee, Catholic Mutual, NMGF, St. Bonaventure Indian School and Mission, representatives of certain parishes, the Franciscans and other parties failed to reach a mediated settlement of this case. I believe that the mediation failed because the Debtor and its insurance carriers, despite sworn depositions of individual Survivors, did not conduct a fair, independent, and reasonable claims evaluation.
- 4. The Committee worked closely with me and other state court counsel representing childhood sex abuse survivors to value the filed proofs of claims of represented and *pro se* survivors.
- 5. To insure the Debtor, its insurance carriers and the Franciscans had the information needed to conduct a fair and reasonable evaluation of the claims, I and the other state court counsel representing Survivors with filed proofs of claim made themselves and their respective clients available for questioning before mediation. I am informed and believe that Catholic Mutual completed interviews and depositions of all of the survivors with claims within its policy periods and the Franciscans deposed two of my clients whose claims are covered by their insurance. I am also informed and believe that the Debtor provided documents regarding abuse claims to Catholic Mutual and NMGF.
- 6. All of the claims against Debtor arise out of Arizona state law. The Gallup Actions were filed in Coconino County and included jury trial demands. The Debtor is defended in the Gallup Actions by firms other than its reorganization counsel.
- 7. Claimant 54's case is assigned to Presiding Judge Mark Moran of the Coconino County Superior Court, who could consolidate the Gallup Actions for pretrial proceedings to ensure there is uniformity in all pretrial proceedings. The Gallup Action plaintiffs agree that they will file a motion to consolidate pretrial proceedings if this Court makes that a condition of stay relief. The stay relief the Gallup Action plaintiffs seek is limited to the entry of a judgment, if any, and does not include collection actions against the Debtor or its insurers.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 8th day of July 2015.

Robert E. Pastor