



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

District of New Mexico

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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-0546

DAVID T. THUMA  
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October 16, 2015

VIA E-MAIL

Elizabeth Hardin-Burrola  
Reporter, Gallup Independent  
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Re: Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Gallup, et al, Case Nos. 13-13676, 13-13677

Dear Ms. Hardin-Burrola,

I received your letter dated October 13, 2015 and the accompanying news articles.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. However, the Court cannot take any action based on your letter. The letter constitutes an "ex parte" communication, which is a direct, off the record communication between a party and a judge. Such communications are prohibited to preserve the integrity of the judicial process and to give all interested parties a fair opportunity to be heard.

For the Court to consider your allegation, or other arguments regarding the propriety of the recent auction sale, you would have to file an appropriate motion seeking relief in the bankruptcy case. Local Rule 1074-1 requires all entities to be represented by an attorney authorized to practice before this Court.

I will file this letter in the bankruptcy case docket so all parties are informed about the communications.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaya M. Rhodes", is written over a horizontal line.

Jaya M. Rhodes  
Law Clerk to the Hon. David T. Thuma