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The following constitutes the order of the Court.
Signed: June 9, 2023

William J. Lafferty, III
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

9 *Proposed Counsel for the Debtor*
10 *and Debtor in Possession*

11 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
12 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
13 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

14 In re:
15 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
16 OAKLAND, a California corporation sole,
17 Debtor.

Case No. 23-40523 WJL
Chapter 11

**FINAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE
DEBTOR TO (I) PAY CERTAIN
PREPETITION INVOICES FOR ABUSE
SURVIVORS' ASSISTANCE AND SAFE
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS, AND (II)
CONTINUE ITS PREPETITION PRACTICE
OF PAYING FOR ABUSE SURVIVORS'
ASSISTANCE AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT
PROGRAMS**

Judge: Hon. William J. Lafferty
Date: June 6, 2023
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Place: United States Bankruptcy Court
1300 Clay Street
Courtroom 220
Oakland, CA 94612

1 Upon the *Debtor’s Motion For Interim and Final Orders Authorizing the Debtor to (I) Pay Certain*
2 *Prepetition Invoices For Abuse Survivors’ Assistance and Safe Environment Programs, and (II) Continue*
3 *its Prepetition Practice of Paying For Abuse Survivors’ Assistance and Safe Environment Programs,*
4 dated May 8, 2023 (the “Abuse Survivor Assistance Motion”),¹ filed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of
5 Oakland, a California corporation sole, and the debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor” or “RCBO”)
6 in the above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy case (the “Chapter 11 Case” or the “Bankruptcy Case”) for
7 entry of interim and final orders authorizing the Debtor (i) to pay certain prepetition amounts owed for
8 Abuse Survivors’ Assistance and Safe Environment Programs, and (ii) to continue to pay certain invoices
9 for such programs in the ordinary course of its business; the Court having reviewed and considered the
10 Abuse Survivor Assistance Motion, the First Day Declaration, all other filings in support of any opposition
11 to the Abuse Survivor Assistance Motion, and the arguments made at the interim and final hearings on the
12 Abuse Survivor Assistance Motion; the Court finding that it has jurisdiction over this matter, that venue
13 in this Court is proper, and that notice of the Abuse Survivor Assistance Motion and the interim and final
14 hearings thereon was reasonable and sufficient under the circumstances for the granting of interim and
15 final relief; the Court finding that ample cause exists to grant a waiver of the 14-day stay imposed by
16 Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) for the entry of an interim and final order granting the Abuse Survivor
17 Assistance Motion; and the Court further finding that the relief requested in the Abuse Survivor Assistance
18 Motion is in the best interests of the Debtor, its creditors, and other parties in interest; and after due
19 deliberation and good cause appearing,

20 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 21 1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.
- 22 2. The Debtor is authorized, but not directed, to pay amounts owed for prepetition Abuse
23 Survivors’ Assistance and Safe Environment Programs on a final basis.

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¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Abuse Survivor Assistance
28 Motion.

1 3. The Debtor is authorized, but not directed, to pay Postpetition Costs related to the Abuse
2 Survivors' Assistance and Safe Environment Programs, in the exercise of its business judgment and
3 consistent with its past business practices, and as the same become due and payable.

4 4. The Debtor's banks and financial institutions are authorized and directed to honor all
5 checks, electronic payment requests, or other withdrawals for amounts representing payments or
6 reimbursements for or related to the Abuse Survivors' Assistance and Safe Environment Programs,
7 whether for prepetition or postpetition amounts accrued. Such banks and financial institutions are
8 authorized to rely on the Debtor's designation of any particular check or other payment request as being
9 authorized by this Order.

10 5. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as: (a) an admission regarding the validity of any
11 prepetition claim against the Debtor; (b) a promise or requirement to pay any prepetition claim; (c) a
12 request or authorization to assume any prepetition executory contract; (d) a waiver of the Debtor's, or any
13 estate representative's, right to dispute any claim on any grounds; or (e) otherwise a waiver of the Debtor's
14 rights under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law.

15 6. This Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon entry.

16 7. The Debtor is authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the relief
17 granted in this Order.

18 8. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the
19 implementation of or interpretation of this Order.

20 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

21 OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE

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23 By: /s/ Jason Blumberg
24 Jason Blumberg
25 Trial Attorney

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1 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

2 LOWENSTEIN SANDLER LLP

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4 By: /s/ Brent I. Weisenberg

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6 Proposed Attorneys for the

7 Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors

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END OF ORDER

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