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The following constitutes the order of the Court.
Signed: April 22, 2025

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

*Counsel for the Debtor
and Debtor in Possession*

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION**

In re:

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
OAKLAND, a California corporation sole,

Debtor.

Case No. 23-40523 WJL

Chapter 11

**ORDER GRANTING DEBTOR'S MOTION
FOR ENTRY OF ORDER APPROVING
SETTLEMENT WITH RUBEN GALINDO,
AS TRUSTEE OF THE EDWARD J.
BENNETT TRUST, PURSUANT TO FED. R.
BANKR. P. 9019**

Judge: Hon. William J. Lafferty

Date: April 23, 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: United States Bankruptcy Court
1300 Clay Street
Courtroom 220
Oakland, CA 94612



1 Upon the *Debtor's Motion for Entry of Order Approving Settlement with Ruben Galindo, as*
2 *Trustee of the Edward J. Bennett Trust, Pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019*, [Docket No. 1868] (the
3 "Motion"), filed by The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, a California corporation sole, and the debtor
4 and debtor in possession (the "Debtor") in the above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy case, seeking
5 approval of a settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") between Ruben Galindo ("Mr.
6 Galindo"), as trustee of the Edward J. Bennett Trust dated December 17, 2014 (the "Bennett Trust"), and
7 the Debtor, concerning claims the Debtor filed against Mr. Galindo in the Contra Costa County Probate
8 Court regarding Mr. Galindo's administration of the Bennett Trust; the Court having reviewed and
9 considered the Motion, the *Declaration of Attila Bardos in Support of Debtor's Motion for Entry of Order*
10 *Approving Settlement with Ruben Galindo, as Trustee of the Edward J. Bennett Trust, Pursuant to Fed.*
11 *R. Bankr. P. 9019* (the "Bardos Declaration") and all other filings in support of or opposition to the
12 Motion; no objection to the Motion having been filed, as set forth in the certificate of no objection filed
13 by the Debtor regarding the Motion [Docket No. 1899]; the Court finding that it has jurisdiction over this
14 matter, that venue in this Court is proper, and that notice of the Motion was reasonable and is sufficient
15 under the circumstances; and the Court finding the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of
16 the Debtor, its creditors, and other parties in interest; and after due deliberation and good cause appearing
17 therefor;

18 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 19 1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
- 20 2. The Settlement Agreement attached as Exhibit 1 to the Bardos Declaration is approved and
21 the Debtor is authorized to enter into the Settlement Agreement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, as
22 well as Section 105 of the Bankruptcy Code, with all terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement
23 incorporated by reference herein, it being the intention of the Court to approve each of them in this Order.
- 24 3. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, as well as Section 105 of the Bankruptcy Code, the
25 Debtor is authorized to enter into, perform, execute, and deliver all documents, and to take all actions,
26 necessary to immediately and/or fully implement and perform the Settlement Agreement in accordance
27 with the terms, conditions, and agreements set forth therein, all of which are hereby approved.

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