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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

**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF  
ATTILA BARDOS IN SUPPORT OF  
DEBTOR'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN  
ORDER AUTHORIZING (A) THE RELEASE  
OF THE DEBTOR'S INTERESTS IN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH SUPPORT  
SERVICES, INC. PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C.  
§§ 105 AND 363, AND (B) APPROVING  
PLEDGE AGREEMENTS**

Judge: Hon. William J. Lafferty

Date: September 9, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

1 I, Attila Bardos, hereby declare as follows:

2 1. I am the Chief Financial Officer of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland (“the Debtor”).  
3 I make this supplemental declaration in support of the *Debtor’s Motion for Entry of an Order Authorizing*  
4 *(A) the Release of the Debtor’s Interests in Catholic Church Support Services, Inc. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C.*  
5 *§§ 105 and 363, and (B) Approving Pledge Agreements*, filed concurrently herewith (the “Motion”).<sup>1</sup> This  
6 declaration supplements my prior declaration in support of the Motion.

7 2. I am familiar with the Debtor’s day-to-day operations, financial affairs, and books and  
8 records. Except as otherwise noted, all facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon my personal  
9 knowledge. If called upon to testify, I could and would testify competently to the facts set forth herein.

10 3. As part of my role as CFO, I am aware of the Catholic entities that work with the Debtor  
11 to carry out the mission of the Catholic Church in the East Bay. Specifically, I have knowledge of the  
12 businesses of each of Catholic Church Support Services, Inc. (“CCSS”) and Roman Catholic Cemeteries  
13 of the Diocese of Oakland, Inc. (“RCC”). I am on the board of directors of RCC and CCSS and have  
14 personal knowledge of CCSS’s business as a result.

15 4. The Pledges are being received in exchange for the Debtor’s consent to elimination of its  
16 oversight rights in the CCSS Bylaws. They are not in exchange for a right to receive donations, and they  
17 do not eliminate the possibility of future donations from CCSS to the Debtor. The separation of CCSS  
18 from RCBO’s direct oversight is specifically for the purpose of facilitating growth, in light of concerns  
19 from other business partners that CCSS is too tied to the Diocese of Oakland. I anticipate that the Debtor  
20 will continue to receive donations from CCSS in future years to the extent it has available cash for donation  
21 after satisfying its obligations under the Pledge Agreements.

22 5. The CCSS Board of Directors is has six members, only two of whom are part of the  
23 Debtor’s leadership. The members of the CCSS Board are Robert Seelig, John Tarman, Michael  
24 Niedermeyer, Matthew Noonan, Father Lawrence d’Anjou, and me. Of these directors, only myself and  
25 Father Lawrence have a leadership role at the Debtor. One additional member, John Tarman, sits on the  
26 Finance Council of the Diocese of Oakland.

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28 <sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

6. Historically, the Board of CCSS has a standard practice of donating fifty percent (50%) of the net operating profits of CCSS to the Debtor on an annual basis. This is a decision made by the Board of CCSS. Neither the Bishop nor the Debtor has ever directed CCSS to make any donation to the Debtor or otherwise.

7. I have reviewed the email correspondence attached as Exhibit D to the Declaration of Brent Weisenberg in opposition to the Motion. Nothing in these emails indicates that the Debtor has the power to compel a donation from CCSS, and it does not have such a power. My intent in my August 1, 2025, email to Mr. Seelig was to reflect a reconciliation by the CCSS auditors of the donation amount that the CCSS Board had already decided to donate to the Debtor, consistent with past practice, and to let Mr. Seelig know that if CCSS was able to make the donation soon, it would be helpful in light of the Debtor's cash flow. It was not intended and should not be read as a direction to Mr. Seelig. I do not have any authority to direct Mr. Seelig to act, either as CFO of the Debtor, or as a single director of CCSS.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Executed on September 8, 2025, at Oakland, California.

/s/ Attila Bardos  
Attila Bardos