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The following constitutes the order of the Court.
Signed: September 18, 2025

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

**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 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**

Upon the 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, dated August 19, 2025 [Docket No. 2237] (the "Motion"), filed by The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, a California corporation sole, and the debtor and debtor in possession (the "Debtor") in the above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy case (the "Chapter 11 Case"), seeking an order (a) authorizing the release of the Debtor's position and interest in Catholic Church Support Services, Inc. ("CCSS") in exchange for pledges of financial support by CCSS and Roman Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Oakland, Inc. ("RCC"), as further described, and (b) authorizing the Debtor to enter into

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pledge agreements with each of CCSS and RCC as consideration for the Debtor's divestment of its position and interest in CCSS; the Court having reviewed and considered the Motion and the declarations of Attila Bardos (the "Bardos Declaration") in support thereof, the objection (the "Objection") to the Motion filed by the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors [Docket No. 2676] and the declaration of Brent Weisenberg in support of the Objection, and all other documents filed in support of or opposition to the Motion; the Court finding it has jurisdiction over this matter, venue in this Court is proper, and notice of the Motion was reasonable and is sufficient under the circumstances; after due deliberation; and for the reasons stated on the record at the hearing on the Motion and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein, and the Objection is overruled.
2. The Debtor is authorized but not required to (a) release the Debtor's position and interest in CCSS, including its right to appoint members of the CCSS Board of Directors; and (b) enter into the Pledge Agreements in substantially the forms attached as Exhibit A and Exhibit B to the Bardos Declaration.
3. The Debtor is authorized to take any and all other actions necessary to effectuate the transactions described in the Motion and authorized herein.
4. Any stay of effectiveness of this Order, including pursuant to F.R.B.P. 6004(h) or 6006(d), is hereby waived and this Order shall be effective immediately upon entry.
5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of or interpretation of this Order.

**** END OF ORDER ****

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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