

BULLETIN AND PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reorganization Case:

The Diocese of Ogdensburg filed a reorganization case under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. This difficult but necessary decision was made in response to the lawsuits filed against the diocese and parishes under the Child Victims Act, which permitted the filing of lawsuits alleging sexual abuse by members of the clergy, employees, or volunteers of the Church. Individual parishes are not included in the filing, and it is hoped that parish life will be minimally impacted by the reorganization. After extensive consultation and our experience in the state courts, it was decided that reorganization is the fairest and most efficient way to resolve the claims of victims. To fight each case individually would take years of litigation and would involve significant costs. Reorganization provides a forum in which the cases can be resolved in a more timely fashion. Reorganization is fair to the victims and provides the diocese the opportunity to continue its mission. You may find additional information on the diocesan website:

<http://www.rcdony.org/reorganization> . May we be united in our resolve to reach out to victims of sexual abuse with compassion, and to renew our commitment to serve God and neighbor.

How does the reorganization case affect our parish?

The Diocese of Ogdensburg filed a reorganization case under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in order, seeking to resolve the lawsuits that have been filed under the Child Victims Act in a fair and orderly manner. In New York State, our parish is a corporation separate and distinct from the diocese. Our parish has not filed for bankruptcy protection. However, it is hoped that the reorganization case will resolve all claims against the diocese, parishes and related entities. It is likely that our parish will be asked to contribute funds to settle these claims so we can be free of litigation in state courts and released from all liability for existing claims. It is hoped that the reorganization case will have minimal impact on the celebration of the sacraments, programs and activities in our parish. Please pray for a timely and fair resolution of the pending lawsuits, and a renewed commitment to proclaiming the Gospel in the North Country. You may find

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The Diocese of Ogdensburg filed a reorganization case under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code hoping to resolve the pending Child Victims Act lawsuits brought against the diocese, parishes and related entities. In today's bulletin you will find an insert of frequently asked questions about the reorganization. You may find further information at the diocesan website:

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