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The following constitutes the order of the Court.  
Signed: May 25, 2023

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

*Proposed 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

**SECOND INTERIM 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: May 23, 2023  
Time: 1:30 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"),<sup>1</sup> 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 hearings on the Abuse  
12 Survivor Assistance Motion; the Court finding that it has jurisdiction over this matter, that venue in this  
13 Court is proper, and that notice of the Abuse Survivor Assistance Motion and the interim hearings thereon  
14 was reasonable and sufficient under the circumstances for the granting of interim relief; the Court finding  
15 that there is good cause for entry of an immediate interim order pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6003, and  
16 that ample cause exists to grant a waiver of the 14-day stay imposed by Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) for the  
17 entry of an interim order granting the Abuse Survivor Assistance Motion; and the Court further finding  
18 that the relief requested in the Abuse Survivor Assistance Motion is in the best interests of the Debtor, its  
19 creditors, and other parties in interest; and after due deliberation and good cause appearing,

20 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 21 1. The Motion is GRANTED on an interim basis as set forth herein.
- 22 2. The Debtor is authorized, but not directed, to pay invoices for prepetition Abuse Survivors'  
23 Assistance and Safe Environment Programs on an interim basis up to an aggregate amount of \$33,500.
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28 <sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Abuse Survivor Assistance 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.       A final hearing on the Abuse Survivor Assistance Motion shall be held on June 6, 2023, at  
17 2:30 p.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time). Any written objections to the granting of the relief requested in the  
18 Abuse Survivor Assistance Motion on a final basis shall be filed not later than June 2, 2023, and any  
19 replies to such objections shall be filed not later than 12:00 p.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time) on June 5,  
20 2023. Oral objections may be made at the hearing.

21          8.       The Debtor is authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the relief  
22 granted in this Order.

23          9.       This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the  
24 implementation of or interpretation of this Order.

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE

By:     /s/ Jason Blumberg      
Jason Blumberg  
Trial Attorney

**\*\*END OF ORDER\*\***

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