

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT**

In re:

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington,
Vermont,

Debtor.

Case No.: 24-10205-HZC
Chapter 11 Case



**ORDER CONTINUING HEARING ON FIRST DAY AND SUPPLEMENTAL MOTIONS
AND CONTINUING INTERIM RELIEF THROUGH THE FINAL HEARING DATE
*AND SETTING STATUS HEARING***

This case came before the Court on the Emergency Motion Requesting Continuance of Hearing on First Day and Supplemental Motions and Continuance of Interim Relief Through the Final Hearing Date (doc. # 84) (the “Motion”) filed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vermont (the “Diocese”) and the statements of counsel and evidence adduced with respect to the Motion at a hearing before the Court (the “Hearing”). The Court finds that (i) it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (ii) venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; (iii) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); (iv) due and proper notice of the Motion was provided pursuant to Local Rule 9013-3; and (v) notice of the Motion and the Hearing was sufficient under the circumstances. After due consideration, the Court finds that the relief as requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Diocese, its estate, and its creditors and is necessary to prevent immediate and irreparable harm to the Diocese and its estate. Therefore, for good cause shown, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion is **GRANTED** as set forth in this Order.
2. The final hearing on the following motions, which was previously scheduled for November 26, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. (prevailing Eastern time), is **CONTINUED** to **December 17,**

2024 at 11:00 am (the “Final Hearing”) and will be held before this Court at the following location: Federal Building, 11 Elmwood Avenue, Room 200, Burlington, VT 05401:

a. Emergency Motion and Memorandum for an Order (I) Authorizing the Continued Maintenance of the Debtor’s Insurance Program and (II) Authorizing Payment of Prepetition Obligations in Respect Thereof (ECF No. 7);

b. Emergency Motion for and Memorandum for an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtor to Pay Accrued and Outstanding Prepetition Employee Compensation, Benefits, and Related Amounts and (II) Authorizing the Debtor to Maintain Existing Payroll Service (ECF No. 8);

c. Emergency Motion for and Memorandum for an Order (I) Authorizing Continued Use of Existing Business Books, Records, Bank Accounts, and Check Stock; (II) Authorizing Banks and Financial Institutions to Honor and Process Checks and Transfers; (III) Authorizing Electronic Funds Transfers and Automated Clearing House Transfers; (IV) Authorizing Maintenance of Investment Accounts; and (V) Granting Limited Relief from the Requirements of 11 U.S.C. § 345(b) (ECF No. 9);

d. Emergency Motion and Memorandum for Order Authorizing the Diocese to File Portions of Schedule F, Portions of the Statement of Financial Affairs, the Master Mailing List, and other Pleadings and Documents Under Seal (ECF No. 10);

e. Emergency Motion and Memorandum for Order (I) Establishing Deadlines for Filing Proofs of Claim, (II) Approving Sexual Abuse Claim Form, (III) Approving Form and Manner of Notice, and (IV) Approving Confidentiality Procedures (ECF No. 11);

f. Emergency and Supplemental Motion and Memorandum for an Interim and Final Order (I) Authorizing Payment of Accrued and Outstanding Prepetition Employee Compensation, Benefits, and Related Amounts and (II) Authorizing Maintenance of Existing Payroll Service (ECF No. 54); and

g. Emergency and Supplemental Motion and Memorandum for an Interim and Final Order (I) Authorizing Continued Use of Existing Business Books, Records, Bank Accounts, and Check Stock; (II) Authorizing Banks and Financial Institutions to Honor and Process Checks and Transfers; (III) Authorizing Electronic Funds Transfers and Automated Clearing House Transfers; (IV) Authorizing Maintenance of Investment Accounts; and (V) Granting Limited Relief from the Requirements of 11 U.S.C. § 345(b) (ECF No. 55).

(the “Pending Motions”).

3. The interim relief granted by the Court in the following interim orders will continue to be in effect until **December 17, 2024** and all obligations or deadlines contained therein shall be adjusted accordingly:

a. Interim Order (I) Authorizing the Debtor to Pay Accrued and Outstanding Prepetition Employee Compensation, Benefits, and Related Amounts and (II) Authorizing the Debtor to Maintain Existing Payroll Services (ECF No. 36);

b. Interim Order (I) Granting Emergency Relief; (II) Authorizing Continued use of Existing Business Books, Records, Bank Accounts, and Check Stock; (III) Authorizing Banks and Financial Institutions to Honor and Process Checks and Transfers; (IV) Authorizing Electronic Funds Transfers and Automated Clearing House Transfers; (V) Authorizing Maintenance of Investment Accounts; and (VI) Granting Limited Relief from the Requirements of 11 U.S.C. § 345(b) (ECF No. 37);

c. Interim Order (I) Granting Emergency Relief and (II) Authorizing the Diocese to File Portions of Schedule F, the Statement of Financial Affairs, the Master Mailing List, and Other Pleadings and Documents under Seal (ECF No. 38);

d. Interim Order (I) Authorizing the Continued Maintenance of the Debtor's Insurance Program and (II) Authorizing Payment of Prepetition Obligations in Respect Thereof (ECF No. 39);

e. Interim Order (I) Granting Emergency Relief; (II) Authorizing Continued Use of Existing Business Books, Records, Bank Accounts, and Check Stock; (III) Authorizing Banks and Financial Institutions to Honor and Process Checks and Transfers; (IV) Authorizing Electronic Funds Transfers and Automated Investment Accounts; and (VI) Granting Limited Relief from the Requirements of 11 U.S.C. § 345(b) (ECF No. 69); and

f. Interim Order (I) Authorizing Payment of Accrued and Outstanding Prepetition Employee Compensation, Benefits, and Related Amounts and (II) Authorizing Maintenance of Existing Payroll Services (ECF No. 70).

(the "Interim Orders").

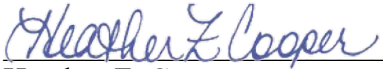
4. On or before November 25, 2024, the Diocese shall serve, by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, notice of the entry of this Order and of the Final Hearing (the "Final Hearing Notice"), together with copies of this Order, on: (a) the parties having been given notice of the

Motion and the Hearing; (b) any party which has filed prior to such date a request for notices with this Court; and (c) the official committee of unsecured creditors (the “Committee”). The Final Hearing Notice shall state that any party in interest objecting to the Pending Motions or to the Interim Orders becoming final shall file written objections with the Clerk of Court no later than **December 10, 2024**, which objections shall be served to be received on or before such date by: (a) counsel to the Diocese, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., Attn: Steven R. Kinsella, 60 South Sixth Street, Suite 1500, Minneapolis, MN 55402; (b) co-counsel to the Diocese, Obuchowski Law Office, Attn: Raymond J. Obuchowski, 1542 Route 107, PO Box 60, Bethel, VT 05032; (c) the Office of the United States Trustee, Attn: Lisa M. Penpraze, lisa.penpraze@usdoj.gov; and (d) proposed counsel for the Committee, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, Brittany Mitchell Michael, 780 Third Avenue, 34th Floor, New York, NY 10017.

5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation and/or interpretation of this Order.

6. The Court shall hold a status hearing on **November 26, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** via Zoom.gov.

November 21, 2024
Burlington, Vermont


Heather Z. Cooper
United States Bankruptcy Judge