

PRESS RELEASE

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Diocese of Alexandria Announces Court-Ordered Deadlines for Filing Sexual Abuse Claims in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy

June 8, 2026 Bar Date Established; Claim Filing Process Simplified with Enhanced Privacy Protections

ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA – The Diocese of Alexandria announced today that the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Louisiana has signed an order establishing June 8, 2026, as the deadline for all claimants, including putative sexual abuse survivors (called “Abuse Survivors” in this notice), to file claims in the Diocese’s Chapter 11 bankruptcy case. The order also sets April 29, 2026, as the deadline for governmental units to file claims.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- **Governmental Unit Claims Bar Date:** April 29, 2026
- **General Claims Bar Date:** June 8, 2026
- **Abuse Survivor Claims Bar Date:** June 8, 2026

All claims must be **received by the court-appointed Claims Agent** (Stretto, Inc.), by the applicable bar date. Mailing a claim does not satisfy the deadline if it is not received on time.

How to File a Claim

The Diocese has worked with the bankruptcy court to establish a streamlined claims filing process. Abuse Survivors and other claimants may file claims using one of two methods:

1. Electronic Filing

Claims can be filed electronically through Stretto at:

<https://cases.stretto.com/diocesefalexandria>

Electronic filing is the fastest and most secure method.

2. Mail Filing

Claims can be mailed to:

**Diocese of Alexandria Claims Processing
c/o Stretto
410 Exchange, Suite 100
Irvine, CA 92602**

Claims may also be hand-delivered or sent by overnight mail to this address. *Claims cannot be filed by facsimile, email, or other electronic transmission methods.*

Specialized Claim Forms

The court has approved two forms for filing claims:

For Abuse Survivors: The “Putative Abuse Survivor Proof of Claim Form” has been specifically designed to allow these individuals to file claims with simplified procedures and complete confidentiality protection. All information submitted will be kept private and sealed from public disclosure. This form is available on the Stretto case website: <https://cases.stretto.com/dioceseofalexandria/court-docket/court-docket-category/3218-putative-abuse-survivor-bar-date-notice-package/>

For Other Creditors: The “General Proof of Claim Form” conforms substantially to the Official Bankruptcy Form No. 410 and has been further tailored specifically for the Diocese’s Chapter 11 bankruptcy case. This form applies to all other claims against the Diocese that arose before October 31, 2025 (the bankruptcy filing date). This form is available on the Stretto case website: <https://cases.stretto.com/dioceseofalexandria/court-docket/court-docket-category/3217-general-creditor-bar-date-notice-package/>

Who Must File a Claim

Abuse Survivors Must File:

Anyone who alleges they were sexually abused **must file a claim** if they believe the Diocese or any person affiliated with the Diocese may be responsible for the abuse. This includes abuse occurring in connection with:

- Parish churches
- Diocesan schools
- Orphanages or charitable institutions
- Catholic Charities programs
- Any other entity or activity associated with the Diocese

Filing is required regardless of:

- Whether you are a minor
- Whether you are incompetent
- Whether you are incarcerated
- When the sexual abuse occurred
- Whether you have previously filed a lawsuit against the Diocese
- Whether you previously reported the abuse to the Diocese
- Whether you were abused at a parish or school that is no longer under Diocese jurisdiction

For clarity, this includes any individual who believes the Diocese, persons affiliated with the Diocese, or persons affiliated with parishes that are now in the geographic boundaries of the Diocese of Shreveport but were part of the Diocese of Alexandria until June 16, 1986 are liable

for injuries arising from **abuse that occurred before the Diocese's October 31, 2025 bankruptcy filing, regardless of when the alleged abuse took place.**

Minors, individuals under legal guardianship, and incarcerated individuals may file claims through their parents, guardians, or representatives. **Deceased or incapacitated individuals** may file claims through a representative or attorney for the estate.

Other Creditors Must File If:

- Your claim is **not listed in the Diocese's Bankruptcy Schedules**, and you wish to share in any distributions from the Diocese's assets
- Your claim is **listed in the Diocese's Bankruptcy Schedules as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated,"** and you wish to share in any distributions from the Diocese's assets
- You believe your claim is **listed in the Diocese's Bankruptcy Schedules in an incorrect amount or wrong classification**, and you wish to have your claim allowed in a different classification or amount than is listed

Who Need NOT File a Claim:

- Creditors whose claims are **properly listed** in the Schedules as neither disputed, contingent, nor unliquidated (unless the amount, nature, or priority listed is incorrect)
- Holders of claims **already allowed** by an order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Louisiana
- Entities whose claims have been **paid in full**

Privacy and Confidentiality Protections

At the request of the Diocese, the court has approved comprehensive confidentiality procedures to protect Abuse Survivors' privacy throughout the bankruptcy process. All information submitted by these individuals or on their behalf will be maintained under seal and protected from public disclosure.

Claims Website and Support

For more information, detailed claim forms, instructions, and to file claims online, visit <https://cases.stretto.com/dioceseofalexandria>. For assistance or questions about filing claims, contact Stretto by telephone, toll-free, at **(855) 655-5795**. Website support specialists can provide guidance on completing claim forms, answer questions about the claims process, and explain filing procedures.

About the Diocese's Bankruptcy Filing

The Diocese of Alexandria filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on October 31, 2025, to provide a fair and equitable process for compensating abuse survivors while continuing its pastoral and charitable mission.

The bankruptcy filing applies only to the Diocese itself. Individual parishes and parish schools remain separate legal entities and are not included in the bankruptcy proceeding.

Important Reminders

Missing the deadline can result in loss of rights. If you do not file a timely claim by the applicable bar date, you may lose your right to compensation from the Diocese's assets and any recovery through the claims process.

All entities, whether abuse survivors or other creditors, are encouraged to carefully review the notices and claim forms and to contact the Claims Agent with any questions.

Case Details

The case is *In re: Diocese of Alexandria*, Case No. 25-31257, pending in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Louisiana before Chief Judge John S. Hodge. Copies of court filings and orders are available at <https://cases.stretto.com/dioceseofalexandria>.

About the Diocese of Alexandria

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Alexandria, established in 1853, serves the spiritual needs of Catholics across Central Louisiana. The Diocese operates numerous parishes, schools, and charitable programs dedicated to serving the faithful and the broader community.

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