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The following constitutes the order of the Court. Signed: June 27, 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

AGREED ORDER AMENDING PROCEDURES FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES OF PROFESSIONALS

Judge: Hon. William J. Lafferty

Date: June 2, 2025 Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: United States Bankruptcy Court

1300 Clay Street Courtroom 220 Oakland, CA 94612

This matter comes before the Court upon the *Debtor's Motion to Amend Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* (the "Motion") [Dkt. No. 1908], filed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, a California corporation sole, and the debtor and debtor in possession (the "Debtor" or "RCBO") in the above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings g²-



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case (the "Chapter 11 Case" or the "Bankruptcy Case") requesting amendments to the Court's prior *Order* 1 2 Authorizing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals (the 3 "Interim Compensation Order") [Dkt. No. 170]. The Motions came before the Court for hearing at the 4 date and time set forth above (the "Hearing"). Following the Committee's objection to the Motion [Dkt. 5 No. 1987], the Debtor's reply [Dkt. No. 2013] and the Committee's sur-reply [Dkt. Nos. 2025 and 2043], 6 the Debtor and Committee reached agreement on the terms of relief to be granted pursuant to the Motion, 7 as recited on the record of the Hearing, and as set forth in this Order. The Court having reviewed and considered the Motion, all other filings in support of any opposition to the Motion, and all arguments 9 made in support of or opposition to the Motion, and the agreement of the parties as reflected on the record 10 at the Hearing; the Court finding that it has jurisdiction over this matter, that venue in this Court is proper, 11 and that notice of the Motion was reasonable and sufficient under the circumstances; and the Court further 12 finding that the relief set forth herein is in the best interests of the Debtor, its creditors, and other parties 13 in interest; and after due deliberation and good cause appearing, 14 15 1. 16

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ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- The Motion is granted only to the extent set forth herein.
- 2. Paragraph 2(a) of the Interim Compensation Order is amended as follows:

Unless otherwise provided in the order authorizing the Professional's retention, on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of each month following the month for which compensation is sought, each Professional seeking compensation shall file a statement with the Court (each, a "Monthly Fee Statement") which shall describe the fees and expenses incurred by the Professional during the month for which compensation is sought; *provided* however, if the thirtieth (30th) day of the month following the month for which compensation is sought falls on a weekend or Court holiday, the deadline to file the Monthly Fee Statement shall be the next business day after the thirtieth. Each first Monthly Fee Statement will cover the Petition Date through the end of the month during which an order authorizing the Professional's retention is entered.

3. Solely for Monthly Fee Statements requesting payment of fees and expenses incurred in May 2025 through and including September 2025, paragraph 2(g) of the Interim Compensation Order is amended as follows:

> Upon the expiration of the Objection Deadline, each Professional may file a certificate of no objection (or if an Objection (as defined below) was timely served, a certificate of partial objection) with the Court after which

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the Debtor, without further order of the Court, shall pay each Professional an amount (the "<u>Actual Payment</u>") equal to the lesser of: (1) 870% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in the Monthly Fee Statement (the "<u>Maximum Payment</u>"), and (2) if an Objection was served, 870% of the fees and 100% of the expenses to which there was no Objection no later than five (5) business days after the filing of the relevant certificate.

4. Solely for Monthly Fee Statements requesting payment of fees and expenses incurred in May 2025 through and including September 2025, paragraph 2(h) of the Interim Compensation Order is amended as follows:

The remaining twenty thirty percent of the Professional's fees for each Monthly Fee Statement shall be withheld from payment until further order of the Court approving interim or final fee application, as applicable (the "Monthly Fee Holdback").

- 5. Notwithstanding anything in the Interim Compensation Order or this Order to the contrary, the Monthly Fee Holdback (as defined in paragraph 4 of this Order) requested under applications for the sixth Interim Fee Period of January 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025 (the "Sixth Interim Applications") shall not be paid following allowance of such Sixth Interim Applications for each Professional, pending subsequent order of the Court. Professionals may request payment of the allowed amount of the Monthly Fee Holdback due under the Sixth Interim Applications in the Seventh Interim Applications (as defined below).
- 6. Interim Fee Applications for the seventh Interim Fee Period of May 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025 ("Seventh Interim Applications") shall be set for hearing before the Court not later than December 5, 2025. For the avoidance of doubt, Professionals may request payment of the Monthly Fee Holdback for the period January 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025 in the Seventh Interim Applications.
- 7. The Interim Compensation Order is amended only to the extent expressly set forth herein, and shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.
- 8. Nothing in this Order shall limit the Debtor's right to seek further modifications of the Interim Compensation Order or the Committee's rights to object to or otherwise respond to such request.
- 9. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation and/or interpretation of this Order.

END OF ORDER

1	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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