

1 **SONTCHI, LLC**
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4 11 Tobin Court
5 Hockessin, DE 19707
6 *Court Appointed Mediator*

7 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
8 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

10 *In re:*

11 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
12 OAKLAND, a California corporation sole,
13 Debtor.

Case No. 23-40523 WJL

Chapter 11

**EIGHTEENTH MONTHLY
PROFESSIONAL FEE STATEMENT
FOR SONTCHI, LLC [DECEMBER 1,
2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025]**

14 **TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:**

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16 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Sontchi, LLC, as Court Appointed Mediator, and
17 pursuant to the Order Referring Parties to Mediation, Appointing Mediators, and Granting Related
18 Relief [Dkt. No. 810] hereby files its Eighteenth Monthly Professional Fee Statement for the
19 period of December 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 (the “**Eighteenth Monthly Fee**
20 **Statement**”). Pursuant to the Order Authorizing Procedures for Interim Compensation and
21 Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [Dkt. 170] (the “**Interim Fee Order**”)¹ entered by
22 the Court on June 23, 2023, the total legal fees and costs expended by Sontchi, LLC as Court
23 Appointed Mediator for the period of December 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, is as
24 follows:

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28 ¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Interim Fee Order.



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Period	Fees	Expenses	Total
December 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025	\$38,000.00	\$0	\$38,000.00
Net Total Allowed Payments this Statement Period: (80% of Fees and 100% of Costs)	\$30,400.00	\$0	\$30,400.00

The itemized billing statements for the fees and costs billed are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Notice Parties have ten (10) days from the date of service of this Monthly Fee Statement to file an objection thereto. If no objection is filed, Sontchi, LLC may file a certificate of no objection (or if an Objection was timely served, a certificate of partial objection) with the Court after which the Debtor, without further order of the Court, shall pay Sontchi, LLC an amount equal to the lesser of: (1) 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in the Monthly Fee Statement, and (2) if an Objection was served, 80% 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.

Dated: January 2, 2026

SONTCHI, LLC

By: Christopher S. Sontchi
Christopher S. Sontchi
Court Appointed Mediator

Sontchi, LLC

Insolvency, Restructuring & Complex Litigation Expertise

Invoice # 179
Date: 01/02/2026

3500-000-CSS

In re Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, Case No. 23-bk-40523 in the Bankruptcy Court of the Northern District of California

Type	Date	Notes	Quantity	Rate	Total
Service	12/01/2025	Email correspondence, drafting of revisions	0.60	\$1,250.00	\$750.00
Service	12/01/2025	Zoom conference	2.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
Service	12/02/2025	Teleconferences, Zoom conferences	1.40	\$1,250.00	\$1,750.00
Service	12/03/2025	Email correspondence, Zoom conferences	1.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Service	12/05/2025	Zoom conference, teleconferences, email correspondence	2.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
Service	12/08/2025	Zoom conference, correspondence, review of documents	3.00	\$1,250.00	\$3,750.00
Service	12/09/2025	Email correspondence	0.30	\$1,250.00	\$375.00
Service	12/10/2025	Email correspondence, teleconferences, Zoom conferences, drafting of mediator proposal	7.00	\$1,250.00	\$8,750.00
Service	12/11/2025	Email correspondence, Zoom conferences, teleconferences	6.00	\$1,250.00	\$7,500.00
Service	12/15/2025	Zoom conference, teleconference	0.50	\$1,250.00	\$625.00
Service	12/17/2025	Email correspondence, review of documents, teleconferences	2.50	\$1,250.00	\$3,125.00
Service	12/18/2025	Teleconferences, email correspondence, attendance at hearing	2.50	\$1,250.00	\$3,125.00
Service	12/19/2025	Review of term sheet, comments re same, email correspondence, teleconference	1.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Service	12/29/2025	Zoom conference, email correspondence	0.60	\$1,250.00	\$750.00
				Total	\$38,000.00

Other Invoices

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
159	10/31/2025	\$26,125.00	\$5,600.00	\$20,525.00
163	12/04/2025	\$51,081.77	\$41,719.27	\$9,362.50
174	01/01/2026	\$9,500.00	\$7,600.00	\$1,900.00

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
179	02/01/2026	\$38,000.00	\$0.00	\$38,000.00

Outstanding Balance **\$69,787.50**

Total Amount Outstanding **\$69,787.50**