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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (OAKLAND)

In re  
  
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF  
OAKLAND dba  
DIOCESE OF OAKLAND dba  
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
OAKLAND,  
  
Debtors.

Bk. No.: 23-40523-WJL

R.S. No: KL-12

Chapter 11

NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR  
RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY  
TO PROCEED WITH STATE COURT  
LITIGATION AND/OR ABSTENTION  
UNDER 28 U.S.C. 1334(C)(1)

Hearing -

Date: February 11, 2026

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: United States Bankruptcy Court  
1300 Clay Street, Courtroom 220  
Oakland, CA 94612

Honorable William J. Lafferty

TO DEBTORS, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF OAKLAND dba DIOCESE OF  
OAKLAND dba ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OAKLAND; DEBTOR'S ATTORNEYS  
OF RECORD; OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS; THE U.S.  
TRUSTEE; AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 11, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the United States  
Bankruptcy Court, 1300 Clay Street, Courtroom 220, Oakland, CA 94612, the undersigned will



1 bring on instant Preliminary Hearing its Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay before the  
2 Honorable William J. Lafferty.

3 The basis of this motion is that cause exists for the Court to enter an Order granting relief  
4 from the automatic stay and allowing Movant, Emma Macias (“Movant”) pursue her personal  
5 injury claims against the Debtor in the Alameda County Superior Court (Case No. HG21087907)  
6 (“State Court Lawsuit”) and ultimately proceed to trial. Movant proceeded with filing the instant  
7 Motion, so that Movant can resume its State Court Lawsuit, which has been stayed for over a year  
8 and a half due to the instant bankruptcy filing.

9 For these reasons, and for the reasons more fully set forth in the Motion and the  
10 Memorandum of Points and Authorities filed concurrently herewith, Movant is entitled for relief  
11 from the automatic stay and/or an Order abstaining pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1334(c)(1). Movant  
12 also requests that the Court waive the 14-day stay prescribed by Federal Bankruptcy Rule  
13 4001(a)(3), and for any other relief as this Court deems just and proper pursuant to this motion.

14 In the event the Debtor or Debtor’s counsel, Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors,  
15 the U.S. Trustee, or any other interested party, fail to appear at a hearing on this motion, the Court  
16 may grant relief from the Automatic Stay and/or an Order abstaining pursuant to 28 U.S.C.  
17 §1334(c)(1), as well as any other relief as prayed for in the instant Motion. Pursuant to B.L.R.  
18 4001-1(f), respondents to the Motion are not required to, but may, file responsive pleadings, points  
19 and authorities, and declarations for any preliminary hearing.

20 The Motion is based on the Motion, the Declaration of Aram Zohrabian, the Memorandum  
21 of Points and Authorities, all exhibits attached thereto, and any and all pleadings filed with the  
22 Court.

23 *The hearing in this matter will be held in person but parties may attend by Zoom*  
24 *Webinar/AT&T Teleconference. Additional information is available on Judge Lafferty’s*  
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*Procedures page on the court's website. Information on how to attend the hearing by Zoom Webinar/AT&T Teleconference will be included with each calendar posted under Judge Lafferty's Calendar on the court's website.*

DATED: January 26, 2026

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By:   
LIOR KATZ  
Attorney for Movant

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I, LIOR KATZ, declare and state as follows:

I am not a party to the within action. My business address is 5850 Canoga Avenue, Suite 306, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.

On January 26, 2026, I reviewed the Notice of Electronic Filing for the NOTICE OF MOTION, and I understand that that the parties listed in the NEF as having received and were served by electronic mail through the Court’s Electronic Case Filing System.

On January 26, 2026, the foregoing document was also served on interested parties in this proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage pre-paid in the United States Mail at Woodland Hills, California addressed as follows:

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I certify that I am employed in the office of a member of the Bar at whose direction this service was given.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed January 26, 2026 at Woodland Hills, California.



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