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15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
16 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
17 OAKLAND DIVISION

18 In re:

19 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
20 OAKLAND, a California corporation sole,

21 Debtor.

22 Case No.: 23-40523 WJL

23 Chapter 11

24 **DECLARATION OF ABIGAIL V.
25 O'BRIENT IN SUPPORT OF FIRST
26 INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF
27 COVINGTON & BURLING LLP, AS
28 SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL FOR
THE DEBTOR, FOR ALLOWANCE OF
COMPENSATION AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR
THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 7, 2025
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Judge: Hon. William J. Lafferty

Date: February 20, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m.

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

Objection Deadline: March 17, 2026

1 I, Abigail V. O’Brient, do hereby declare as follows:

2 1. The following facts are personally known to me, and if called to do so, I could and would
3 competently testify thereto.

4 2. I am an attorney duly admitted and in good standing to practice before this Court. I am a
5 partner of Covington & Burling LLP (“Covington”).

6 3. I submit this declaration in support of the *First Interim Fee Application of Covington &*
7 *Burling LLP, as Special Insurance Counsel for the Debtor, for Allowance of Compensation and*
8 *Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period of October 7, 2025 Through December 31, 2025* (the “Interim
9 Application”). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the
10 Interim Application.

11 4. I have personally reviewed the information contained in the Interim Application and
12 believe its contents to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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23 attorney incurs a charge to place a telephone call from a personal cell phone (e.g., when such attorney is
24 traveling abroad).

25 8. Covington believes the foregoing rates for expenses are the market rates that the majority
26 of law firms charge clients for such services.

27 9. Covington has not been paid or promised any compensation from any source for services
28 rendered in connection with this case.

