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The following constitutes the order of the Court.
Signed: November 16, 2026

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 **ORDER APPOINTING HON. DANIEL BUCKLEY (RET.) AS MEDIATOR**

Upon the application [Docket No. 3615] (the "Application")[1] 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 case (the "Chapter 11 Case" or the "Bankruptcy Case") for the entry of an order appointing the Honorable Daniel J. Buckley (Ret.) ("Judge Buckley") as mediator, and authorizing employment of Judge Buckley pursuant to section 327 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"); the Court having found that it has jurisdiction over this matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, that this is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(a)-(b) and 1334(b), and that venue

[1] Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings

is proper before this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court being satisfied based on the representations made in the Application and the Declaration of Judge Buckley in support thereof that Judge Buckley does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtor's estate in the above-captioned case and is disinterested under section 101(14) and meets the requirements for employment under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code; and the Court finding that cause exists for the entry of this Order, and that appointment of Judge Buckley as Mediator on the terms set forth in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtor's estate;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Application is APPROVED as set forth in this Order.

2. Judge Buckley is appointed as Mediator pursuant to the terms of the Court's *Order Referring Parties to Mediation, Appointing Mediators, and Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 810] (as amended by further orders of this Court, the "Mediation Order").

3. Judge Buckley's employment as Mediator is approved pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327, effective as of October 12, 2026, under the terms set forth in the Application.

4. Judge Buckley's compensation and reimbursement in respect to his fees and expenses incurred as Mediator shall be subject to further order of the Court in accordance with the procedures and standards set forth in sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, such Bankruptcy Rules and local rules as may be applicable from time to time, and such procedures as may be fixed by order of this Court, as well as the *United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of California Guidelines for Compensation and Expense Reimbursement of Professionals and Trustees, effective February 19, 2014*, and the *U.S. Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases, effective November 1, 2013.*

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order or the Application, the Court is not approving terms and conditions of Judge Buckley's employment under 11 U.S.C. § 328(a).

6. In the event of any inconsistency between the Application and this Order, this Order shall govern.

7. Approval of the Application shall not alter the result dictated by the holding in *Baker Botts L.L.P. v. ASARCO LLC*, 135 S. Ct. 2158, 2169 (2015) and its construction of 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1).

8. Notwithstanding any provision in the Bankruptcy Rules to the contrary, this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon its entry.

9. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

*** END OF ORDER ***

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