

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF)	
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK,)	Case No. 20-12345 (SCC)
)	
Debtor.)	

**APPLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS
FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY BURNS BOWEN
BAIR LLP AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL EFFECTIVE AS OF OCTOBER 29,
2020**

The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”) of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, the above-captioned debtor and debtor in possession (the “**Debtor**”), files this Application (the “**Application**”), authorizing the Committee to employ Burns Bowen Bair LLP (“**Burns**” or the “**Firm**”) as special insurance counsel, pursuant Sections 328(a), 330 and 1103 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”), Rules 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “**Bankruptcy Rules**”) and Rule 2014-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “**Local Rules**”). In support of this Application, the Committee represents as follows, which is further supported by the declaration of Timothy W. Burns (the “**Burns Declaration**”), attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue for this matter is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

2. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 327 and 1103(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2014, and Local Rule 2014-1.

BACKGROUND

3. On October 1, 2020 (the "**Petition Date**"), the Debtor commenced a voluntary case (the "**Case**") under chapter 11 of title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor is authorized to continue to operate its business and remain in possession of its properties as a debtor in possession pursuant to section 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in this Case.

4. On October 16, 2020, the United States Trustee for Region 2 appointed the Committee pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Committee consists of nine individuals who hold claims against the Debtor, including eight individuals who were sexually abused as minors by perpetrators for whom the Debtor was responsible and one representative of a minor with a civil rights claim against the Debtor. *See Notice of Appointment of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. 71].

5. The Committee determined that in light of the facts and circumstances of this case that it needed the advice and assistance of counsel specialized in insurance-related matters and litigation. On October 29, 2020, the Committee selected Burns as special insurance counsel, and by this Motion is seeking Bankruptcy Court approval to retain Burns as special insurance counsel.

6. The Child Victims Act (“CVA”) modified the statute of limitations and created a one-year “window” during which victims of child sex abuse whose claims may have been time-barred may commence a timely civil action.

7. The Diocese asserts that from the opening of the CVA’s one-year window on August 14, 2019 through the Petition Date, approximately 209 lawsuits have been filed against the Diocese and state court co-defendants stemming from the sexual abuse of survivors. *See Declaration of Charles Moore in Support of the Debtor’s Motion for a Preliminary Injunction*, Docket No. 3, ¶ 4 and Exhibit A.

8. On the Petition Date, the Diocese filed an adversary complaint against over a dozen insurers seeking a declaratory judgment of “its rights under the relevant insurance policies and the recovery of amounts owed under those insurance policies.” *Adversary Proceeding Complaint*, Case No. 20-01227, Docket No. 1.

9. The Committee seeks to employ Burns as special insurance counsel to ensure that the Diocese’s over 60 years of insurance policies, including both primary and excess coverage, are fully available to compensate the sexual abuse survivors.

RELIEF REQUESTED

10. By this Application, the Committee respectfully requests that the Court enter an order, substantially in the form annexed hereto as **Exhibit B**, pursuant to sections 327 and 1103(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2014, and Local Rule 2014-1, authorizing the Committee to employ and retain the Firm as its special insurance counsel in this Case. The Committee seeks to retain the Firm effective as of October 29, 2020, the date on which the Committee hired the Firm.

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

11. The Committee desires to retain Burns, at the expense of the Debtor's estate, to render professional services as required by the Committee with respect to issues arising from the Diocese's insurance coverage and insurance policies. The Committee anticipates that Burns will render services including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Analyzing, investigating, and assessing the availability of coverage under the Diocese's insurance policies;
- (b) Representing the Committee in the adversary proceeding the Diocese filed against its insurers, Adv. Pro. No. 20-01227, *The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York v. Arrowood Indemnity Co. fka Royal Insurance Co., et al.*
- (c) Engaging in potential mediation and/or other resolution of the claims, demands, and/or lawsuits related to the Diocese's insurance policies;
- (d) Advising, negotiating, and advocating on behalf of the Committee with respect to the Diocese's insurance policies; and
- (e) Providing related advice and assistance to the Committee as necessary.

In addition to services related to these areas, Burns understands that it may be requested to render other services and to participate in meetings and discussions with the Committee, the Debtor, and other parties-in-interest and their respective professionals.

12. Burns will coordinate all tasks to achieve case efficiencies and avoid duplication of efforts. The Committee believes it is necessary to employ Burns as its special insurance counsel to render the foregoing professional services. In light of Burns's experience and expertise, the Committee believes that Burns is well qualified to provide advice in this case.

BURNS'S QUALIFICATIONS

13. Burns is well qualified to serve as the Committee's special insurance counsel in this Case. Burns has vast experience in complex insurance disputes and contested issues, including coverage litigation, insurance class actions, counterparty disputes with insurers, and domestic and international insurance arbitration. Additionally, Burns has extensive experience

advising and working in concert with other attorneys to navigate discrete insurance issues in the context of complex litigation proceedings. Burns has successfully recovered substantial insurance proceeds in other actions involving insurance disputes arising from sexual abuse allegations involving Catholic dioceses.

14. Specifically, Burns helped prove more than thirty-five years of continuous insurance coverage for a Catholic diocese despite the absence of policy copies for the first twenty-five years of that period, relying on secondary evidence such as premium receipts, stray endorsements, and correspondence. Burns ultimately obtained a favorable insurance settlement on the eve of a coverage trial and secured a claims handling agreement for future claims.

15. Burns has worked with prominent experts to produce persuasive reports on industry custom and practice regarding bad faith, claims handling, and liability coverage in abuse claims. Burns has also briefed and argued numerous legal issues surrounding coverage for sexual abuse claims, including lost policies, the number of occurrences, the expected or intended exclusion, annualization of policy limits, waiver/estoppel, and many others. Additionally, Burns has obtained summary judgment rulings that alleged abuse stretching over multiple policy periods triggered coverage under multiple policies and meant at least one occurrence per claimant per policy period.

16. Currently, Burns serves as special insurance counsel in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester bankruptcy, Case No. 18-33707, dealing with lost policy issues as well as various intentional acts and other knowledge-based defenses to coverage raised by the carriers. Burns also represents a group of survivors who, as assignees, are pursuing bad faith claims against a religious entity's insurance carrier.

DISINTERESTEDNESS

17. Burns has conferred with its professionals, and, to the best of its knowledge and except to the extent disclosed in the Burns Declaration, each of the Firm’s professionals (a) is a “disinterested” person within the meaning of § 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, (b) does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtor, or other parties in interest in the Chapter 11 Case. In addition, Burns is not a creditor or equity security holder of the Debtor.

18. Burns may represent, or may have represented, debtors, creditors’ committees, or trustees in cases or proceedings against creditors of the Debtor that are unrelated to this Case. However, those matters do not present a conflict in this Case.

19. Burns has represented, represents, and in the future will likely represent debtors and creditors’ committees in cases unrelated to the Debtor and this Case wherein one or more of the firms representing the members of the Committee or other parties in interest serve as or will serve as professionals to committee members. See **Exhibit A, Schedule B** for additional details regarding current and past Burns clients.

20. Certain Committee members are represented by attorneys who represent committee members or creditors in a chapter 11 case involving the Diocese of Winona-Rochester (Minnesota). The following law firms represent members of the Committee in this Case as well as members of the official committee of unsecured creditors in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester bankruptcy, in which Burns represents the Diocese of Winona-Rochester as special insurance counsel: Jeff Anderson & Associates PA; Noaker Law Firm LLC; and James, Vernon & Weeks, P.A.

21. Burns will conduct an ongoing review of its files to ensure that no conflicts or other disqualifying circumstances exist or arise. If any new material facts or relationships are discovered or arise, Burns will supplement its disclosure to the Court.

TERMS OF RETENTION

22. Burns has advised the Committee that it intends to charge hourly rates for professional services rendered, plus reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by Burns. The professional fees shall be calculated by multiplying the hours worked by the hourly billing rates in effect for specific personnel involved. The hourly rates charged by Burns for services provided by its personnel differ based upon, among other things, each professional's level of experience and types of services being provided. In the ordinary course of business, Burns periodically revises its hourly rates to reflect promotions and other changes in personnel responsibilities, increases in experience and increases in the cost of doing business.

23. Burns will apply for compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the Bankruptcy Case in compliance with §§ 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules, the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court.

24. Burns has advised the Committee that its fees will be commensurate with the fees charged to its other clients and in other cases of this size (provided such clients are billed hourly). Burns has also advised the Committee that it intends to make application to this Court for allowance of its compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and the terms of any order establishing procedures for interim compensation that may be entered in this Case. The

Firm's compensation for services rendered on behalf of the Committee shall be fixed by the Court after due application.

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26. Consistent with the Firm's policy with respect to its other clients, Burns will charge for all services provided and for other charges and disbursements incurred in rendering services to the Committee. These customary items include, among other things, travel and

lodging expenses, business meals, costs of reproduction, research, communications, legal counsel costs, applicable sales or excise taxes and other direct expenses. Internal costs or overhead costs and document production services (including regular secretarial and word processing time) will not be charged for separately. Burns has acknowledged that the Committee, its constituents, its advisors or professionals shall not be liable for the fees, expenses or other amounts payable to Burns.

NOTICE

27. Notice of this Application has been provided to the Core Parties, as that term is defined in the *Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures* (“**Case Management Order**”) [Docket No. 136], in accordance with the procedures proscribed in the Case Management Order. The Committee submits that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

NO PRIOR REQUEST

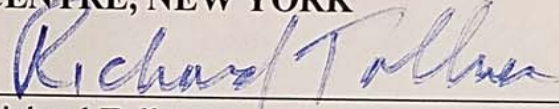
28. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Committee to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors respectfully requests that the Court enter the proposed order submitted herewith: (a) granting this Application, (b) authorizing it to retain and employ Burns Bowen Bair LLP as special insurance counsel, effective as of October 29, 2020, and (c) for such other relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Date: November 19, 2020

**THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF
UNSECURED CREDITORS OF THE ROMAN
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE
CENTRE, NEW YORK**



Richard Tollner

Solely in his capacity as Chair of the Official
Committee of Unsecured Creditors of The Roman
Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York,
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EXHIBIT A

Declaration of Timothy W. Burns

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**DECLARATION OF TIMOTHY W. BURNS
IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AN ORDER
AUTHORIZING IT TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY BURNS BOWEN BAIR LLP AS
SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Timothy W. Burns, hereby submit this declaration (this “**Declaration**”) under penalty of perjury:

1. I am a partner in the law firm of Burns Bowen Bair LLP (“Burns”). My business address is One South Pinckney St., Suite 930 Madison, WI 53703. I am admitted in, practicing in, and a member in good standing of the state bar of Wisconsin. I am authorized to make this declaration (the “**Declaration**”) on behalf of Burns and the Declaration is submitted pursuant to Rules 2014(a) and 2016(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure in support of the *Application of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to Employ Burns Bowen Bair LLP* (the “**Application**”),¹ as special insurance counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”).

2. Except as otherwise indicated, all facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon my personal knowledge, information supplied to me by other Burns professionals or

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Application.

paraprofessionals, or learned from my review of relevant documents. To the extent any information disclosed herein requires amendment or modification as additional party in interest information becomes available to Burns, a supplemental declaration will be submitted to this Court reflecting such amended or modified information.

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- (d) Advising, negotiating, and advocating on behalf of the Committee with respect to the Diocese's insurance policies; and
- (e) Providing related advice and assistance to the Committee as necessary.

8. Subject to this Court's approval of the Application, Burns is willing to serve as the Committee's special insurance counsel and to perform the services described above.

DISINTERESTEDNESS

9. Neither I, Burns, nor any member or associate thereof, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, has any connection with the Committee, the Debtor, its creditors or any other parties

in interest herein, their respective attorneys and accountants, the U.S. Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the U.S. Trustee, except as set forth herein.

10. Burns has made the following investigation of disinterestedness prior to submitting this Declaration. Burns has undertaken a full and thorough review of its computer database, which contains the names of clients and other parties interested in particular matters. Burns requires all of its professionals, before accepting the representation of a new client, or the representation of an existing client in a new matter, to perform a conflicts check through the Firm's database and to enter conflict information regarding new clients or new matters into that database. Thus, a review of said computerized database should reveal any and all actual or potential conflicts of interest with respect to any given representation. In particular, an employee of Burns, under my supervision, entered the names of the Debtor, the creditors of the Debtor as disclosed by it in filings with the Court, counsel to the creditors of the Debtor as disclosed by the Debtor in Court filings, and the U.S. Trustee through the Firm's database. See **Schedule A** attached hereto, listing potential parties in interest searched.

11. Based on the results of the Firm's search of its database, and with the exception of representations noted in **Schedule B**, it appears that Burns does not hold or represent any interest adverse to and has no connection, subject to the disclosures set forth below, with the Debtor herein, its creditors, the Committee, the U.S. Trustee or any party in interest herein in the matters upon which Burns is to be retained, and is a "disinterested person" within the meaning of section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

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15. I understand there is a continuing duty to disclose any adverse interest and change of disinterestedness.

16. I agree to immediately disclose any actual conflict of which I become aware during the course of the Firm's representation as special insurance counsel to the Committee.

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22. I understand that the Court's approval of the Application is not approval of any proposed terms of compensation and under § 328(a) the Court may allow compensation on terms different from those proposed.

23. Burns has not received any retainer from the Debtor, the Committee, or any member of the Committee, nor has Burns received any payment or promise of payment. No compensation has been paid or promised to be paid from a source other than the Debtor's estate in this case. No promises have been received by the Firm nor by any partners, of counsel or associate thereof as to compensation in connection with this case other than in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. The Firm has no agreement with any other entity to share with such entity any compensation received by the Firm in connection with this case, except among the partners, of counsel, and associates of the Firm. Neither the Committee nor any of its representatives are or will be liable for fees or costs incurred by the Firm in its representation of the Committee.

24. Burns further states pursuant to Rule 2016(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure that it has not agreed to share (a) any compensation it has received or may receive with another party or person, other than with the partners, counsel and associates of Burns, or (b) any compensation another person or party has received or may receive.

25. Pursuant to Part D1 of the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, Burns is seeking employment as special insurance counsel for the Committee under section 1103(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and it hereby provides the following responses set forth below:

1. Question: Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your standard or customary billing arrangements for this engagement?

Response: Yes. I, Timothy W. Burns, agreed to reduce my hourly rate in this matter from my standard hourly rate of \$1090 per hour to \$975 per hour.

2. Question Do any of the professionals included in this engagement vary their rate based on the geographic location of the bankruptcy case?

Response: No.

3. **Question:** If you represented the client in the 12 months prepetition, disclose your billing rates and material financial terms for the prepetition engagement, including any adjustments during the 12 months prepetition. If your billing rates and material financial terms have changed postpetition, explain the difference and the reasons for the difference.

Response: Not applicable.


4. **Question:** Has your client approved your prospective budget and staffing plan, and, if so for what budget period?

Response: The Committee and Burns expect to develop a prospective budget and staffing plan to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures, recognizing that in the course of this chapter 11 case there may be unforeseeable fees and expenses that will need to be addressed by the Committee and Burns.

26. I am not aware of anyone who objects to Burns's employment.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this declaration was executed on

November 20, 2020 at Madison,
Wisconsin

By: 

Timothy W. Burns

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Madison, Wisconsin 53703
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Schedule A

Potential Parties-in-Interest

The Debtor

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre,
New York

Affiliates and Related Parties

Assumption of the BVM, Centereach
Blessed Sacrament, Valley Stream
Cathedral of St. Agnes
Catholic Cemeteries of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Rockville Centre, Inc.
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rockville
Centre
Catholic Faith Network
Catholic Foundation of Long Island, Inc.
Catholic Health Services
Catholic Press Association of the Diocese of
Rockville Centre, Inc.
Central Vicariate Office
Christ the King, Commack
Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
Church of Our Lady of the Snow
Church of Our Lady of Victory
Church of St. Anthony of Padua
Church of St. Edward the Confessor
Church of St. Huges of Lincoln
Church of St. Mary
Church of St. Mary of the Isle
Church of St. Peter the Apostle
Church of St. Raphael
Church of St. William the Abbot
Church of the Holy Cross
Church of the Immaculate Conception
Cleary School for the Deaf
Corpus Christi, Mineola
Curé of Ars, Merrick
Diocesan Services, Inc.
Diocese of Rockville Centre Catholic Cemetery
Permanent Maintenance Trust
Diocese of Rockville Centre Health Care and
Other Assistance Plan for Retired and
Disabled Diocesan Priests
Diocese of Rockville Centre Qualified Retirement
Plan
Diocese of Rockville Centre Lay Pension Plan
Eastern Vicariate
Ecclesia Assurance Company
Good Shepherd, Holbrook

Holy Angels Regional School
Holy Cross, Nesconset
Holy Family School
Holy Family, Hicksville
Holy Name of Jesus, Woodbury
Holy Name of Mary School
Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream
Holy Spirit, New Hyde Park
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School
Holy Trinity High School
Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach
Infant Jesus, Port Jefferson
Long Beach Catholic Regional School
Maria Regina School
Maria Regina, Seaford
Mary Immaculate, Bellport
Mission Assistance Corporation
Most Holy Trinity, East Hampton
Notre Dame School
Notre Dame, New Hyde Park
Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport
Our Lady Miraculous Medal, Point Lookout
Our Lady Miraculous Medal, Wyandanch
Our Lady of Fatima, Manorhaven
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Inwood
Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon
Our Lady of Hope, Carle Place
Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead
Our Lady of Lourdes School
Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne
Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park
Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip
Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Our Lady of Ostrabrama, Cutchogue
Our Lady of Peace School
Our Lady of Peace, Lynbrook
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst
Our Lady of Poland, Southampton
Our Lady of Providence Regional School
Our Lady of the Assumption, Copiague
Our Lady of the Hamptons Regional School
Our Lady of the Isle, Shelter Island Heights
Our Lady of the Snow, Blue Point
Our Lady of Victory School
Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park
Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional School
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport
Queen Most Holy Rosary, Bridgehampton

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt	St. Ignatius Martyr, Long Beach
Resurrection, Farmingville	St. Isidore, Riverhead
Sacred Heart, Cutchogue	St. James, Seaford
Sacred Heart, Island Park	St. James, Setauket
Sacred Heart, North Merrick	St. Joachim, Cedarhurst
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Southampton	St. John Chrysostom, Hempstead
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception of the Diocese of Rockville Centre	St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia
Society for the Propagation of the Faith	St. John of God, Central Islip
Ss. Cyril & Methodius School	St. John Paul II Regional School
SS. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park	St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School
SS. Peter & Paul, Manorville	St. John the Baptist, Wading River
Ss. Philip & James School	St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches
SS. Philip & James, St. James	St. John the Evangelist, Riverhead
St John the Baptist High School	St. Joseph School
St. Agnes Cathedral School	St. Joseph the Worker, East Patchogue
St. Agnes, Greenport	St. Joseph, Babylon
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Real Time Cloud Services d/b/a Ace Cloud
Hosting
Reed Smith
Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn
Sacred Heart Institute, Inc.
Sacred Heart RCC
Sacred Hearts Jesus & Mary RCC
Sahn Ward Coschighano PLLC.
Saints Cyril and Methodius
Salvatore John Alaimo
SBC Systems Company, Inc.
Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New
York
Send Word Now
Signature Bank
Sitrick Group, LLC.
SolarWinds
South Nassau Communiites Hospital
Sprint - Syosset Tower
Sprint - Uniondale Tower
Sprint Nextel - Syosset Tower
Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC
Ss. Philip & James RCC
St. Agnes RCC
St. Aidan RCC
St. Aloysius RCC
St. Andrew RCC
St. Anne RCC
St. Anthony RCC
St. Anthony's High School
St. Boniface RCC
St. Brigid - Our Lady Of Hope Regional School
St. Catherine Of Sienna RCC
St. Frances Cabrini RCC
St. Francis De Sales RCC
St. Francis Of Assisi RCC
St. Gertrude RCC
St. Hugh Of Lincoln RCC
St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church
St. Isidore RCC
St. John Nepomucene RCC
St. John Paul II Regional School
St. John the Evangelist RCC
St. Joseph RCC
St. Joseph The Worker RCC
St. Ladislaus RCC
St. Lawrence the Martyr RCC
St. Louis De Montfort RCC
St. Margaret Of Scotland RCC
St. Mary RCC
St. Patrick RCC
St. Paul The Apostle RCC
St. Rocco RCC
St. Sylvester RCC
St. Vincent De Paul RCC
Stericycle
Sterling Volunteers
Stripe Inc.
Surrogate's Court of the State of New York,
County of Suffolk
T Mobile Central Islip Tower
T Mobile Syosset Tower (Omnipoint)
T Mobile Uniondale Tower
The Bank of New York Mellon
The Bank of New York Mellon for the Diocese of
Rockville Centre Health care and Other Assistance
Plan for Retired and Disabled Priests
The Catholic Foundation of Long Island Inc.
The Diocese of Rockville Centre 403(b) Employee
Retirement Plan
The Law Offices of Kenneth R. Feinberg PC
The National Catholic Bioethic Center
The Prudential Insurance Company Of America
Therese Montanile
ThyssenKrup Elevator Corporation
TMA @ Your Services, LLC doing business as
"Wellworks For You"
Tomorrow's Hope Foundation, Inc.
Unitas Investment Fund, Inc.
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
USI Insurance Services LLC ("USI")
Valley Bank
Vanguard
Verizon Wireless
Verizon Wireless Central Islip Tower
Verizon Wireless Syosset Tower
Verizon Wireless Uniondale Tower
VMWare
WageWorks

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LIABILITY COMPANY

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Jones Day
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
Reed Smith LLP
Sitrick and Company
Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions LLC

Significant Vendors

Optumrx, Inc
Mutual of America
Porter & Curtis LLC
The Prudential Insurance Co. of America
Catholic Charities
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
The State Insurance Fund
Otterbourg P.C.
ADP LLC
Goldin Associates, LLC
Dominican Village
The Law Offices of Kenneth R Feinberg PC
Nixon Peabody LLP
Gardiner & Theobald, Inc
The Catholic University of America
Network Outsource, Inc
New York State Catholic Conference
Advance Enterprise Technologies Inc
Access Direct Systems, Inc
The Long Island Catholic-DRVC
Empire Health Choice HMO, Inc
CHLIC
Proskauer Rose LLP
Commissariat of the Holy Land
Tomorrow's Hope Foundation
St John Vianney Center
American Express
USI Insurance Services LLC
AJG Advisors, Inc.
Changing Our World Inc
Actuarial & Technical Solutions Inc
Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP
Augustine Institute, Inc
Sacred Heart Institute, Inc
Pontifical North American College
AFLAC NewYork
LiRo Engineers, Inc

Crowe LLP
Commissioner of Taxation & Finance
National EAP Inc
The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center
Catholic Leadership Institute
Network Adjusters Inc
Smith & Downey
Wellworks For You
Cardmember Services
Canon Financial Services, Inc
Official Offset Printing Corp
Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company
Philadelphia Insurance Companies
J.C. Broderick & Associates, Inc
ADP Screening & Selection Services
Emmanuel Marianist Retreat House
WB Mason. Inc
Wright Risk Management Company LLC
New York State Insurance Fund
Murray Services, Inc
Gerardo A Setosta
Theological College
Blackbaud, Inc.
Cathedral Seminary House of Formation
Imperial Bag & Paper Co., LLC
Startup Catholic
Thomas Patrick DeMaria
USCCB-Church in Central and Eastern Europe
USCCB-Church in Latin America
Hi Tech Air Conditioning Services Inc
National Catholic Services LLC
Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman LLP
Berkley Professional Liability
Sahn Ward Coschignano, PLLC
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services Inc
Gerald Tiu
Future Tech Enterprise, Inc
Worxtime LLC
Burnett Risk Control International, LLC
CDW Government, Inc
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Delicious Moments Caterers
JMT Consulting Group
Rommel J Velarde
Right Networks, LLC
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP
Comptroller of the State of New York
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Lynch & Lynch
Didit DM, LLC
Aging at Home, LTD
Morneau Shepell SBC Limited
Fellowship of Catholic University Students
Staples Business Advantage
GBL Designs and Media
Abila, Inc.
Lessings Inc
Frederick J. Chapey & Sons Funeral Home Inc.
Faith Catholic Publishing & Communication
Borrelli's
Hire Right, LLC
Raymour and Flanagan
WageWorks, Inc
Mulholland Minion Davey McNiff & Beyrer
Printcorp, Inc
Traditional Air Conditioning, Inc.
DRVC-COA
R&M Engineering
Vincetian House
Weigand Bros, Inc
JW Marriott Indianapolis
Exxon Mobil Corporation, d/b/a/Exxonmobil
Department of Homeland Security
Nat'l Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry
Epiq eDiscovery Solutions
Robert Stack
Avaya Inc
Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation
Bayouland Computer Solutions, LLC
SL Security Solutions, LLC
Sensory Lighting & Sound, Inc
Zaldy S. Galolo
KJP Associates, Inc
Quality Express Coffee Service
Fredrick J Chapey & Sons Funeral Home Inc
Americaneagle.com New York, Inc
Macken Mortuary, Inc
Lilium Creative Solutions, LLC
Johnson Controls Fire Protection, LP
Moloney's Hauppauge Funeral Homes, Inc
Westbury Travel Corp.
Navex Global, Inc.
Federal Express Corp
Milleridge Ventures Inc
Kia Motors Finance
St. John's University
Lloyd Staffing, Inc
Moloney's Lake Funeral Home LLC
Country House Media
Vernon C. Wagner Funeral Home
Mark Conrad B. Raroque

Google LLC
Digital Graphic Imagery Corp
Gennaro Jewelers
Catholic Cemeteries of DRVC, Inc
Massapequa Funeral Home, Inc
Howard-Quattlebaum Funeral, Cremation & Event
Center
Windstream
The National Catholic Bioethics Center
Pitney Bowes
NYS-Division of Homeland Security &
Emergency Services
Meltwater News US Inc
Gregory Shemitz
Iron Mountain Information Management, Inc
County Energy Controls, Inc
Noce Funeral Home Inc
Vianney Vocations LLC
William J Berglund
DeFriest-Grattan Funeral Homes, Inc.
Corporate Risk Solutions, LLC
Lindenhurst Funeral Home, Inc
King Kullen Grocery Co, Inc.
Daniel J Edelman, Inc.
Infiniti Financial Services
United Parcel Service
NCDVD
Sir Speedy
Home Depot Credit Services
Custom Awards Ltd
VVF Solutions, Inc
Jose A Santos, MD
Nationwide Power Solutions, Inc.

Significant Utility Providers

Cablevision Lightpath, Inc
Cogent Communications Inc
National Grid
Optimum
Verizon
Verizon Wireless
Village of Rockville Centre, Inc.
Windstream, formerly Earthlink Business

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Town of Islip, Suffolk County, New York
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SCHEDULE B

INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY	REPORTED RELATION TO DEBTOR	CLIENT OR OTHER "CONNECTION" TO BURNS
Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP.	Parties to Contracts with the Debtor and Significant Vendor	Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP is a client of Burns in unrelated matters.
Jeff Anderson & Associates, P.A.	Parties to Litigation	Jeff Anderson & Associates, P.A. is co-counsel with Burns in the matter captioned <i>The Congregation of Christian Brothers of Hawaii, Inc. d/b/a/ Damien Memorial School v. First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd.</i> Civil No. 16-1-0164-01 (JPC), pending in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii

EXHIBIT B

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:)	Case No. 20-12345 (SCC)
)	
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK,)	Chapter 11
)	
Debtor. ¹)	
)	

**ORDER AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING
THE EMPLOYMENT OF BURNS BOWEN BAIR LLP AS SPECIAL INSURANCE
COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED
CREDITORS EFFECTIVE AS OF OCTOBER 29, 2020**

Upon consideration of the *Application of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for an Order Authorizing it to Retain and Employ Burns Bowen Bair LLP as Special Insurance Counsel Effective as of October 29, 2020* (the “**Application**”),² pursuant to sections 327 and 1103(a) Title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”), Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “**Bankruptcy Rules**”), and Rule 2014-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “**Local Rules**”), for an order authorizing and approving the retention and employment of Burns Bowen Bair LLP (“**Burns**”) as special insurance counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”) of the above-captioned debtor (the “**Debtor**”) in this chapter 11 case; and upon consideration of the declaration of Timothy W. Burn in support of the Application filed by the Committee; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the

¹ The Debtor in this chapter 11 case is The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, the last four digits of its federal tax identification number are 7437, and its mailing address is 50 North Park Avenue, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

Application and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and consideration of the Application and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtor's estate, its creditors and other parties in interest; and the Committee having provided adequate and appropriate notice of the Application under the circumstances; and after due deliberation and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is **GRANTED**.
2. The Committee is authorized to retain and employ Burns as special insurance counsel to the Committee effective as of October 29, 2020. In the alternative, to the extent retention of Burns as of October 29, 2020 is not permitted under applicable law, Burns shall be retained as of the earliest date permitted under law; provided, however, that Burns may seek compensation for work performed and expenses incurred as of and after October 29, 2020 even where the effective date of its retention occurs thereafter. Subject to Court approval, Burns may be compensated for services rendered and reimbursed for expenses incurred beginning on October 29, 2020.
3. Burns shall apply for compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the Debtor's case as set forth in the Application and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any other applicable procedures and orders of this Court.
4. The Committee and Burns are authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary to implement the relief granted in this Order.

5. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Order.

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

Dated: _____, 2020
New York, New York

THE HONORABLE SHELLEY C. CHAPMAN
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE