

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

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In re:	:	
	:	Chapter 11
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON, INC.,	:	
a Delaware Corporation, ¹	:	Case No. 09-13560 (CSS)
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Debtor.	:	
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**NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING CLAIMS
RELATING TO OR ARISING FROM ABUSE**

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE
YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED**

**NOTE: APRIL 15, 2010 AT 4:00 P.M. PREVAILING EASTERN
TIME IS THE LAST DATE TO FILE TORT PROOFS OF CLAIM**

TO ALL PERSONS WITH KNOWN OR POTENTIAL TORT CLAIMS ARISING FROM ABUSE FOR WHICH SUCH PERSONS BELIEVE THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON, INC. IS LIABLE:

On October 18, 2009 (the "Petition Date"), the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Inc. ("CDOW" or the "Debtor") filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Debtor, its address, case number, proof of claim forms and other relevant information related to this chapter 11 case may be obtained at: (<http://www.cdowreorganization.com>). Numerous individuals (each a "Tort Claimant" and collectively, the "Tort Claimants") have asserted abuse claims against CDOW and/or the parishes, schools and institutions located within the geographic territory of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wilmington (the "Diocese").² Any person who believes that he or she has or may have a claim arising from abuse for which the person believes the Debtor may be liable (each a "Tort Claim," and collectively, the "Tort Claims") should carefully read this notice.

**YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING THIS
MATTER AND MAY ALSO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICIAL
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS BY CALLING (888) 570-6269.**

¹ The last four digits of the Debtor's federal tax identification number are 5439. The Debtor's mailing address is 1925 Delaware Avenue, P.O. Box 2030, Wilmington, Delaware 19899-2030.

² A list of the parishes, schools and institutions located within the Diocese's geographic territory in substantially final form is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. A map of the geographic territory of the Diocese in substantially final form is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. A map of the geographic territory of the Diocese prior to 1962 in substantially final form is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

FILING DEADLINE

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) has entered an order establishing **April 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** as the last date and time for each Tort Claimant to file a proof of claim form (the “Tort Claim Bar Date”). The Tort Claim Bar Date and the procedures set forth below for filing proofs of claim apply to all claims against the Debtor based upon events occurring prior to October 18, 2009, including any known or potential Tort Claims.

WHO MUST FILE

If you believe that you have a Tort Claim, you **must** file a **Tort Proof of Claim Form** to maintain and/or preserve any claims that you have against the Debtor. **Even if you have already filed a lawsuit against the Debtor alleging abuse prior to October 18, 2009, you must still file a Tort Proof of Claim Form to maintain and/or preserve your rights in the Debtor’s chapter 11 case.**

WHO SHOULD NOT FILE

You should **not** file a Tort Proof of Claim Form if:

- Your Tort Claim has already been paid in full;
- You hold a Tort Claim that has been allowed by an order of the Bankruptcy Court on or before the Tort Claim Bar Date; or
- If you do not have a claim against the Debtor.

WHAT TO FILE

YOU MUST FILE A TORT PROOF OF CLAIM FORM. YOU MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE TORT PROOF OF CLAIM FORM BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.

PROCEDURES FOR FILING A TORT PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

To file a Tort Proof of Claim Form, you must take the following steps:

- Fill out the Tort Proof of Claim Form.
- For additional copies of the Tort Proof of Claim Form: (a) photocopy the Tort Proof of Claim Form, (b) contact the Debtor’s Claims Agent between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), Monday through Friday, at (800) 761-6220, or visit the Claims Agent’s website at: (<http://www.cdowreorganization.com>); (c) visit the office of the Clerk of the Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 5th Floor, 824 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 during regular business hours; (d) visit the Court’s website (<http://www.deb.uscourts.gov>) by following the directions for accessing the ECF system on such website; or (e) visit the Debtor’s website: (<http://www.cdow.org>).
- **Please note that the Claims Agent’s staff is not permitted to give legal advice. You should consult your own attorney for assistance regarding any other**

inquiries, such as questions concerning the completion or filing of a proof of claim.

- **Do not file or mail the Tort Proof of Claim Form with or to the Court. Instead, all Tort Proof of Claim Forms should be sent to the Claims Agent at the address set forth below.**
- Return the completed Tort Proof of Claim Form to the Claims Agent at the address set forth below no later than **April 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)**. Tort Proof of Claim Forms will be deemed timely filed only when they are **actually received** by the Claims Agent by **April 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)**.
- **Please note that Tort Proof of Claim Forms submitted by facsimile, telecopy or electronic mail transmission will not be accepted and will not be deemed filed.** If you are returning a Tort Proof of Claim Form by mail, allow sufficient mailing time so that the Tort Proof of Claim Form is received on or before **April 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)**. Tort Proof of Claim Forms that are postmarked before that date; *i.e.*, the Tort Claim Bar Date, but which are received by the Claims Agent after the Tort Claim Bar Date will be considered late.
- If a Tort Claimant returns a Tort Proof of Claim Form in person, by overnight mail or by courier service, the Tort Proof of Claim Form should be delivered to the following address, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), Monday through Friday:

CDOW Bankruptcy Administration
c/o The Garden City Group, Inc.
5151 Blazer Parkway, Suite A
Dublin, Ohio 43017

- If a Tort Claimant returns a Tort Proof of Claim Form by mail, the Tort Proof of Claim Form should be mailed with sufficient lead time so that that the form is received before the Tort Claim Bar Date at the following address between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), Monday through Friday:

The Garden City Group, Inc.
Attn: CDOW Bankruptcy Administration
P.O. Box 9561
Dublin, Ohio 43017-4861

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

The deadline for filing a Tort Proof of Claim Form is **April 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)**. Any person who has a Tort Claim and does not file a Tort Proof of Claim by that date may NOT be treated as a creditor for voting or distribution purposes under any plan of reorganization and such claim will be subject to discharge. Failure to file a Tort Claim may prevent such person from voting on any plan of reorganization in this case. Further, if such Tort Claim is discharged, the Tort Claimant may be forever barred and prevented from asserting his or her Tort Claim against the Debtor or its property, and may not receive any payment or distribution in connection with such Tort Claim.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, Tort Proofs of Claim will remain confidential in this bankruptcy case, unless you elect otherwise in Part 1 of the Tort Proof of Claim Form. Therefore, the Tort Proof of Claim Form that you file will not be available to the general public, but will be kept confidential, except that information will be provided to the Debtor, the Debtor's attorneys, the Debtor's insurers, attorneys for the official committee of unsecured creditors (the "Committee") and its members, and such other persons as the Court determines should have the information in order to evaluate the Tort Claim, all of whom will agree to keep the information provided by you confidential.

Dated: February 1, 2010

BY ORDER OF THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER S. SONTCHI
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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EXHIBIT 1

**List of Parishes, Schools and Institutions Located Within the
Geographic Territory of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wilmington**

PARISHES

New Castle County, Delaware

- Cathedral of Saint Peter
- Christ Our King
- Corpus Christi
- Church of the Holy Child
- Holy Child
- Holy Family
- Holy Rosary
- Holy Spirit
- Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Our Lady Fatima
- Resurrection
- Saint Ann, Wilmington
- Saint Anthony of Padua
- Saint Catherine of Siena
- Saint Elizabeth (Wilmington)
- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Saint John the Apostle
- Saint John the Baptist – Holy Angels
- Saint John the Beloved
- Saint Joseph (Middletown)
- Saint Joseph (Wilmington)
- Saint Joseph on the Brandywine
- Saint Margaret of Scotland
- Saint Mary of the Assumption
- Saint Patrick
- Saint Paul (Delaware City)
- Saint Paul (Wilmington)
- Saint Paul Church
- Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception
- Saint Nicholas (Ukrainian Church)
- Saint Helena
- Saint Matthew
- Saint Mary Magdalen
- Saint Thomas More Oratory
- Saint John the Apostle
- Sacred Heart Oratory
- Saint Hedwig
- Saint Peter the Apostle
- Saint Stanislaus Kostka
- Saint Thomas the Apostle

Kent County, Delaware

- Holy Cross
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Saint Bernadette
- Saint Polycarp

Sussex County, Delaware

- Mary, Mother of Peace
- Our Lady of Lourdes
- Saint Ann (Bethany Beach)
- Saint Edmond
- Saint Jude the Apostle

- Saint John the Apostle
- Saint Michael the Archangel
- Our Lady of Guadalupe

Cecil County, Maryland

- Church of the Good Shepherd
- Immaculate Conception
- Saint Agnes
- Saint Basil (Ukrainian)
- Saint Francis Xavier Shrine
- Saint Jude
- Saint Patrick
- Saint Rose of Lima
- Saint Teresa

Kent County, Maryland

- Sacred Heart
- Saint Dennis
- Saint John

Queen Ann County, Maryland

- Our Mother of Sorrows
- Saint Christopher
- Saint Peter

Dorchester County, Maryland

- Our Lady of Good Counsel
- Saint Mary Refuge of Sinners
- Saint Mary Star of the Sea

Wicomico County, Maryland

- Holy Redeemer
- Saint Francis de Sales

Worcester County, Maryland

- Holy Name of Jesus
- Holy Savior
- Saint Andrew
- Saint John Neumann
- Saint Luke
- Saint Mary Star of the Sea

Somerset County, Maryland

- Saint Elizabeth

Talbot County, Maryland

- Saints Peter and Paul
- Saint Joseph
- Saint Michael

Caroline County, Maryland

- Immaculate Conception
- Saint Benedict
- Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

SCHOOLS

Diocesan High Schools

- Saint Mark's High School
- Saint Thomas More Preparatory School

Parish High Schools

- Padua Academy
- Saint Elizabeth High School
- Saints Peter & Paul High School

Interparochial Schools

- Christ the Teacher School
- Corpus Christi School
- Most Blessed Sacrament School
- Pope John Paul II Elementary School

Private Catholic High Schools

- Archmere Academy
- Salesianum School

Private Catholic Schools

- Ursuline Academy
- Nativity Preparatory School
- Serviam Girls Academy
- Saint Edmond's Academy
- Mt. Aviat Academy
- The Benedictine School
- The Benedictine School Open Community Program

Parish Catholic Elementary Schools

- Christ the Teacher Catholic School
- Cathedral of St. Peter School
- Corpus Christi School
- Good Shepherd School
- Holy Angels School
- Holy Cross School
- Immaculate Conception School
- Immaculate Heart of Mary School
- Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School
- Our Lady of Fatima School
- Pope John Paul II School
- Saint Ann School
- Saint Anthony School
- Saint Catherine of Siena School
- Saint Elizabeth School
- Saint Francis de Sales School
- Saint John the Beloved School
- Saint Mary Magdalen School
- Saint Matthew School
- Saint Paul School
- Saint Peter the Apostle School
- Saints Peter and Paul School

INSTITUTIONS

Homes For Children

- Our Lady of Grace Home for Children

Institutions Run by Catholic Charities, Inc.

- Seton Center
- Seton Villa
- Bayard House
- Casa San Francisco

EXHIBIT 2

**Map of the Geographic Territory of the
Roman Catholic Diocese of Wilmington**

Diocese of Wilmington

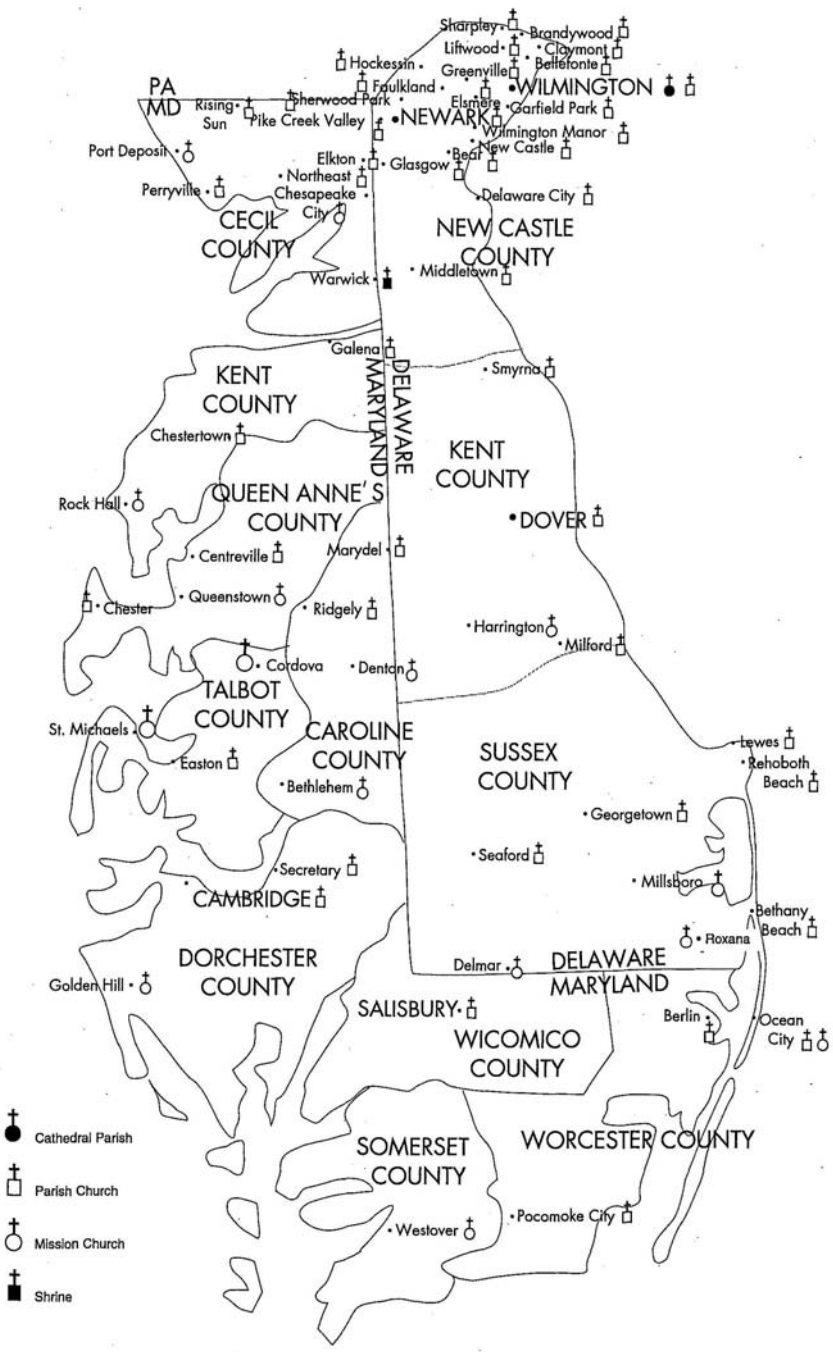


EXHIBIT 3

**Map of the Geographic Territory of the Roman
Catholic Diocese of Wilmington prior to 1964**

