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DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

30 June 2010

The Honorable Christopher S. Sontchi  
United States Bankruptcy Court (District of Delaware)  
824 North Market Street  
5th Floor  
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Dear Judge Sontchi:

I am not a lawyer and I do not pretend to know anything about bankruptcy law. I am having a difficult time understanding an element of your recent ruling simply from a "common-sense" approach, and I'm hoping that you'll read this letter in the spirit in which I'm writing it.

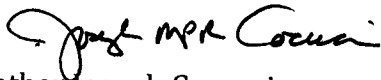
In August 2008, dissatisfied with the management our reserve funds had been given by a local brokerage, my Parish Finance Council and I decided to place our reserves in the Diocese of Wilmington's "pooled investment" fund. These reserves are funds accrued over the years and which have been helping the Cathedral parish survive the death of many contributors and the relocation of others due to the changing neighborhood of the Cathedral, which has suffered not only from poverty but also from drug- and prostitution-related crime more than most areas of the city. (You may have seen that I was robbed at gunpoint early this month at 7:30 AM in the sacristy of the church.) In any case, I sent a check for \$297,868.72 along with a memo indicating clearly that this was our money and that we wanted to invest it in the Diocese's program. Since that time we have withdrawn \$36,000 in three installments. Memos documenting all of the above transactions are attached.

This week I was informed that the remainder of our funds are now to be used in the settlement of cases against the Diocese. Your Honor, these funds do not belong to the Diocese. They belong to the parish community of the Cathedral of St. Peter, which, as you probably know, provides an incredible amount of direct assistance for rent and utilities for the poorest of the poor in our area through the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Seton Center Outreach. But I don't want to use those charitable works as any kind of defense; I simply want to make the point that the funds do not belong to the Diocese - they belong to us and we need them. Despite the fact that I cut the Cathedral budget dramatically when I came here four and a half years ago (for instance, I do not employ a cook or a housekeeper as did all of my predecessors

and the parish does not pay my salary since I have two other diocesan jobs which support me) our necessary expenses outweigh our income; we use our reserves to make ends meet every year; without them we would not be able to provide the assistance and charitable presence in this neighborhood that has helped in some small way to provide a modicum of stability. Would justice not dictate that we - who are not involved in any of these claims and who put the money into the Diocese's hands simply for them to manage it - be protected from having our funds be used to settle claims against the Diocese?

I ask this with all respect, Your Honor, and I hope you'll consider what I'm asking with the same respect. I hope, too, that you'll find it right and just to secure our funds for our use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph M. Cocucci". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "C".

Father Joseph Cocucci  
Rector

12 August 2008

To: Mr. Joseph P. Corsini, CFO, Catholic Diocese of Wilmington  
From: Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, Rector, Cathedral of St. Peter  
Re: Deposit to Diocesan Investment Program

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The attached check for \$297,868.72 represents Cathedral Reserve Funds once held in a Morgan Stanley account. With the enthusiastic support of the Cathedral's Finance Council, I have chosen to invest these funds through our Diocesan Investment Program.

None of the money in this allotment is restricted. For the time being, we would like them to be invested conservatively. There is a chance that we may need to withdraw up to \$65,000 over the course of the next year to address a projected budget deficit.

Thank you for everything you do to help us manage the resources of the Diocese of Wilmington.

25 September 2008

To: Mr. Joseph P. Corsini, CFO, Catholic Diocese of Wilmington  
From: Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, Rector, Cathedral of St. Peter  
Re: Request for Funds from Diocesan Investment Program

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As you know from my memo of 12 August 2008, from time to time I will need to withdraw funds from the money we recently entrusted to the Diocesan Investment Program.

At this time I am requesting \$10,000 in the form of a check made out to the Cathedral of St. Peter. This should get us through November 2008.

Thank you for everything you do to help us manage the resources of the Diocese of Wilmington.

11 December 2008

To: Mr. Joseph P. Corsini, CFO, Catholic Diocese of Wilmington  
From: Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, Rector, Cathedral of St. Peter  
Re: Request for Funds from Diocesan Investment Program

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As you know from my memo of 12 August 2008, from time to time I will need to withdraw funds from the money we recently entrusted to the Diocesan Investment Program.

At this time I am requesting \$10,000 in the form of a check made out to the Cathedral of St. Peter.

Thank you for everything you do to help us manage the resources of the Diocese of Wilmington.

2 December 2009

To: Mr. Joseph P. Corsini, CFO, Catholic Diocese of Wilmington  
From: Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, Rector, Cathedral of St. Peter  
Re: Request for Funds from Diocesan Investment Program

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As you know from my memo of 12 August 2008, from time to time I will need to withdraw funds from the money we recently entrusted to the Diocesan Investment Program.

At this time I am requesting \$16,000 in the form of a check made out to the Cathedral of St. Peter.

Thank you for everything you do to help us manage the resources of the Diocese of Wilmington.