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Dear Friends in Christ,

As many of you are aware, the Archdiocese of Baltimore sought relief under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code on September 29, 2023. We made this decision to ensure the ability to meet two goals: (a) providing - equitable compensation to victim-survivors of past sexual abuse; and (b) assuring the Archdiocese and its parishes and schools have the financial ability to ensure the future of the missions and ministries of the Roman Catholic Church within the Archdiocese's geographic territory.

In support of this effort, I have asked our priests to read this letter to all of you this weekend and again at a subsequent Mass to ensure that we collectively reach as many victim-survivors as possible before the deadline to file claims in the Archdiocese's bankruptcy case. The deadline for filing claims is May 31, 2024. Claims by victim-survivors of past sexual abuse may be filed confidentially. Information on how to submit a claim has been posted at every church, mission, and school within the Archdiocese. We have also made information available on the Archdiocese's webpage and the webpage maintained by the Archdiocese's claims agent, Epiq Restructuring. In addition, information will be published at least twice in our Parish's bulletin and you can ask any priest within our Archdiocese for more information. I ask that you please share this information with your family and friends who are not here today. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please be assured of my continuing prayers and I ask that you please keep all victim-survivors, the Archdiocese and all of our priests, deacons, and consecrated religious in your prayers as well.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore