

## Archdiocese of San Francisco, Chapter 11 Update

- The Archdiocese of San Francisco announced that it has filed for Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code to manage legal expenses and facilitate settlements with abuse survivors.
- Our parish is not part of this action. Our daily operations and the celebration of Sacraments and regular parish life will be unaffected by the action taken by the Archdiocese.
- Understandably, this may raise concerns from families, employees, and community members concerned about the impact on the operations and stability of Archdiocesan Elementary and High schools.
- Like the parishes, the Archdiocesan Catholic schools are not included in the bankruptcy filing.
- The Chapter 11 filing and the related legal proceedings will not have direct impact on the day-to-day operations of our schools.
- The continued employment, salaries, and benefits of school employees will not be impacted by this filing.
- Tuition, philanthropic support, parish support of schools will, as always, be fully dedicated to funding the operations of the schools and is not impacted by the Chapter 11 filing.
- The Archdiocese will continue to administer health benefits, along with the various retiree programs, without interruption. The funds for these programs are held in trusts and can only be used for their specified recipients.
- All parish activities and our ministries to help our communities will continue.
- Many parishioners have also heard or seen media stories accusing the Archdiocese of filing Chapter 11 to obfuscate their responsibilities to sexual abuse survivors, but that accusation is simply not true. We believe a Chapter 11 filing is the best way to ensure that all sexual abuse claims filed against the Archdiocese will result in a fair and equitable resolution for the survivors.
- Without the oversight of the Chapter 11 reorganization process, there was nothing preventing the first cases in line for litigation from receiving large recoveries, possibly leaving nothing for survivors with litigation dates in the future.
- The Chapter 11 process will also allow all claims to be resolved at the same time and not over years of protracted litigation per claim.
- While working toward a fair and equitable resolution for all sexual abuse survivors, it remains vital that we continue focusing on all our missions, charitable works, and religious education in the Archdiocese.
- Chapter 11 is a very transparent process, and all activities are available to the public through the court docket free of charge. The Archdiocese assets, and all operations must be presented to the Court, creating an opportunity to provide fair and equitable recoveries for sexual abuse survivors, while allowing all Archdiocese ministries to continue.