

## Diocese of New Ulm Reorganization Update



February 19, 2020, was the deadline for those who have filed sexual abuse claims against the Diocese of New Ulm or parishes within it to approve or reject the bankruptcy settlement plan. Claimants were mailed balloting materials, including the plan of reorganization, in late December. The outcome of the vote will be determined on or around March 10, 2020.

If claimants approve the plan, and the bankruptcy court judge confirms the plan at a hearing on March 10, then the case will be settled. At that point, the phase for distribution of funds to claimants will begin. Settlement payments will be paid to claimants out of an independently-run trust.

As detailed in the plan of reorganization, the \$34 million settlement will be funded by contributions from insurers, the diocese, and all parishes within the diocese, regardless of whether they had claims against them. Our parish, along with every other parish in the diocese, will be contributing to this settlement. The combined contribution from all parishes is \$1 million. This is the right thing to do to provide for a fair settlement for those harmed and help survivors in their healing.

Bishop LeVoir again asks that all clergy, parish and Catholic school leaders, and all local parishioners continue to pray for all those harmed and do whatever we can to help survivors in their healing. If you would like more information about the bankruptcy reorganization process, please visit <https://hopehealingandpeace-dnu.org/>.

## Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse



God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.