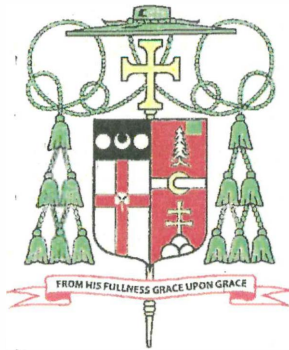


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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As I know many of you are aware, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in February of this year. We made this decision in an effort to ensure our financial ability to both provide fair and equitable compensation for survivors of past sexual abuse and ensure the future of the missions and ministries of the Roman Catholic Church within our Diocese's territory.

In support of this effort, I have asked your Pastor (Parochial Vicar) to read this letter to all of you this weekend and again in September to ensure that we reach as many survivors as possible before the claims filing deadline. The claims filing deadline is November 13, 2020. Claims can be made confidentially. Information on how to submit a claim has been posted at every church and school within the Diocese. We have also made this information available on the Diocese's webpage and the webpage maintained by the Diocese's claims and balloting agent, Epiq Restructuring, at <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdh/info>. Additionally, information will also be published at least twice in your parish's weekly bulletin and you can ask any priest within our Diocese for more information as well. 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 me as well as all of the priests, deacons, and consecrated religious of our Diocese in your prayers as well.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Gainer".

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer