

Fill in this information to identify the case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Case number (if known)

Chapter

11☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 201

Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

04/25

If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and the case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals*, is available.

1. Debtor's name Catholic Diocese of El Paso**2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years**Include any assumed names, trade names and *doing business as* namesDiocese of El Paso**3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)** 74-6000751**4. Debtor's address****Principal place of business****Mailing address, if different from principal place of business**499 St. Matthews Street
El Paso, TX 79907-4214

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

P.O. Box, Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

El Paso

County

Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

5. Debtor's website (URL) www.dioceseofelpaso.org**6. Type of debtor**☒ Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP))☐ Partnership (excluding LLP)☐ Other. Specify: _____

Debtor

Catholic Diocese of El Paso

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7. Describe debtor's business A. *Check one:*

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- ☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- ☐ Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))
- ☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- ☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- ☐ Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))
- ☒ None of the above

B. *Check all that apply*

- ☒ Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. § 501)
- ☐ Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80a-3)
- ☐ Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80b-2(a)(11))

C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor. See <http://www.uscourts.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes>.

8131**8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?***Check one:*

- ☐ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 9

☒ Chapter 11. *Check all that apply:*

- ☐ Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$3,424,000 (amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/28 and every 3 years after that).
- ☐ The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). If the debtor is a small business debtor, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if all of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- ☐ The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D), and it chooses to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.
- ☐ A plan is being filed with this petition.
- ☐ Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
- ☐ The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the *Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11* (Official Form 201A) with this form.
- ☐ The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.

☐ Chapter 12**9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?**

- ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____
District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____

Debtor **Catholic Diocese of El Paso** Case number (if known) _____
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10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor? ☒ No ☐ Yes.

List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list

Debtor Relationship
 District _____ When _____ Case number, if known _____

11. Why is the case filed in this district? *Check all that apply:*
- ☒ Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district.
- ☐ A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.

12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention? ☒ No ☐ Yes. Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.
- Why does the property need immediate attention?** (*Check all that apply.*)
- ☐ It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety.
 What is the hazard? _____
- ☐ It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.
- ☐ It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).
- ☐ Other _____
- Where is the property?** _____
 Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code
- Is the property insured?**
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. Insurance agency _____
 Contact name _____
 Phone _____

Statistical and administrative information

13. Debtor's estimation of available funds *Check one:*
- ☒ Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
- ☐ After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available to unsecured creditors.

14. Estimated number of creditors
- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| ☐ 1-49 | ☐ 1,000-5,000 | ☐ 25,001-50,000 |
| ☐ 50-99 | ☐ 5001-10,000 | ☐ 50,001-100,000 |
| ☒ 100-199 | ☐ 10,001-25,000 | ☐ More than 100,000 |
| ☐ 200-999 | | |

15. Estimated Assets
- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| ☐ \$0 - \$50,000 | ☐ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million | ☐ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion |
| ☐ \$50,001 - \$100,000 | ☒ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million | ☐ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion |
| ☐ \$100,001 - \$500,000 | ☐ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million | ☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion |
| ☐ \$500,001 - \$1 million | ☐ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million | ☐ More than \$50 billion |

16. Estimated liabilities
- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| ☐ \$0 - \$50,000 | ☒ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million | ☐ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion |
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- ☐ \$50,001 - \$100,000
- ☐ \$100,001 - \$500,000
- ☐ \$500,001 - \$1 million

- ☐ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million
- ☐ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million
- ☐ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million

- ☐ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion
- ☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion
- ☐ More than \$50 billion

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Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures

WARNING -- Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

**17. Declaration and signature
of authorized
representative of debtor**

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 3/6/2026

MM / DD / YYYY

Signed by:

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Most Reverend Mark J. Seitz

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Most Reverend Mark J. Seitz, D.D.

Printed name

Title **Bishop**

18. Signature of attorney

X

/s/ Lynn Hamilton Butler

Signature of attorney for debtor

Date 3/6/2026

MM / DD / YYYY

Lynn Hamilton Butler

Printed name

Husch Blackwell LLP

Firm name

**111 Congress Avenue, Suite 1400
Austin, TX 78701**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone **512-479-9758**

Email address **lynn.butler@huschblackwell.com**

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Bar number and State

**ACTION BY CONSENT OF A QUORUM OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EL PASO**

Effective as of March 5, 2026, the undersigned, constituting a quorum of the Directors of The Catholic Diocese of El Paso, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas (the “**Diocese**”), do hereby waive any and all formalities of notice, time, date, place and purpose of meeting and hereby adopt the following resolutions, such resolutions to have the same force and effect as if adopted at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors.

WHEREAS, along with other members of the Diocesan Finance Council, the Directors have reviewed and considered the materials and guidance presented by the management, financial, legal, and spiritual advisors of the Diocese regarding the assets and liabilities of the Diocese, including those liabilities arising or asserted in connection with claims of sexual abuse, the impact of such liabilities on the continuation of the mission of the Diocese, and the strategic alternatives available to the Diocese;

WHEREAS, the Directors have consulted with the management and the financial and legal advisors of the Diocese and fully considered each of the strategic alternatives available to the Diocese; and

WHEREAS, the Most Reverend Mark J. Seitz has sought and obtained the consent of the Diocesan Finance Council and College of Consultors as to the acts, actions, and transactions authorized hereby in accordance with canon §1277 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, after careful consideration of all alternatives and in order to permit the Diocese to continue to fulfill its ministries to the Catholic faithful of the Diocese while addressing its liabilities in an orderly manner, the Diocese shall be, and hereby is, authorized to file a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas (the “Chapter 11 Case”); and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Most Reverend Mark J. Seitz, Bishop of the Diocese, and Gregory J. Watters, Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese (each, an “Authorized Officer” and collectively, the “Authorized Officers”), be, and each of them acting alone, hereby is, authorized to execute and file in the name of, and on behalf of, the Diocese all petitions, schedules, lists, motions, applications, pleadings, and other papers or documents necessary to commence a chapter 11 case and obtain relief under the Bankruptcy Code, and to take any and all action that such Authorized Officer deems necessary, proper, and desirable in connection with the Chapter 11 Case, including, without limitation, any action necessary to maintain the ordinary operation of the Diocese’s mission and ministry, subject to compliance with applicable bankruptcy court approval requirements and the Bankruptcy Code; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to employ in the name of, and on behalf of, the Diocese the law firms of Husch Blackwell LLP and Levatino|Pace PLLC to represent the Diocese in the Chapter 11 Case, and to take such other further steps that may be necessary to advance the Diocese’s rights and obligations in connection therewith; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Authorized Officer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to employ the firm of HMP Advisory Holdings, LLC dba Harney Partners as financial advisor to, among other things, provide general accounting services, prepare monthly operating reports, and other such accounting and financial advisory services as may be requested by the Diocese and other professionals employed by the Diocese; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Authorized Officer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to employ the firm of Captive Minds Marketing as a marketing and advertising consultant with regard to public notice of the bankruptcy and claims bar date and to assist the Diocese in carrying out its duties under the Bankruptcy Code and as may otherwise be requested by the Diocese and other professionals employed by the Diocese; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to employ the firm of Stretto, Inc. as notice and claims agent to represent and assist the Diocese in carrying out its duties under the Bankruptcy Code, and to take such other further steps that may be necessary in furtherance of the Chapter 11 Case; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to employ the above professionals and any other professionals to assist the Diocese in carrying out its duties under the Bankruptcy Code; and in connection therewith, the Authorized Officer, with power of delegation, is hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers prior to or immediately upon the filing of the Chapter 11 Case, subject to subsequent court approval of the retention of such professionals, and to cause to be filed an appropriate application for authority to retain the services of any other professionals as necessary; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the foregoing specific authorizations conferred upon the Authorized Officer, each Authorized Officer, and each such other representative of the Diocese as any Authorized Officer shall from time to time designate, and any employees or agents designated by or directed by any Authorized Officer or designee, be, and each hereby is, authorized and empowered to take or cause to be taken any and all such further actions, and to execute, acknowledge, deliver, and file any and all such agreements, certificates, instruments, and other documents and to pay all expenses, including but not limited to filing fees, in each case as in such Authorized Officer's (or such designee's or delegate's) discretion, may be necessary, advisable, or desirable in order to fully carry out the intent and accomplish the purpose of the resolutions adopted herein; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts, actions, and transactions relating to the matters contemplated by the foregoing resolutions done in the name of, and on behalf of, the Diocese, which acts would have been approved by the foregoing resolutions except that such acts were taken before these resolutions were adopted, are hereby in all respects approved and ratified as the true acts and deeds of the Diocese.

[Signature page to follow]

**QUORUM OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EL PASO**

DATE SIGNED

Signed by:



3/5/2026

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Most Reverend Mark J. Seitz
Bishop of the Diocese of El Paso

Signed by:

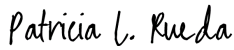


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Most Reverend Anthony Celino
Vicar General of the Diocese of El Paso

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Patricia Lopez Rueda
Chancellor of the Diocese of El Paso

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Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders

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A list of creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims must be filed in a Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 case. Include claims which the debtor disputes. Do not include claims by any person or entity who is an insider, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(31). Also, do not include claims by secured creditors, unless the unsecured claim resulting from inadequate collateral value places the creditor among the holders of the 20 largest unsecured claims.

Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number and email address of creditor contact	Nature of claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services, and government contracts)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of claim If the claim is fully unsecured, fill in only unsecured claim amount. If claim is partially secured, fill in total claim amount and deduction for value of collateral or setoff to calculate unsecured claim.		
				Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim
Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. Attn: Steve Puteki 15763 Collections Center Drive Chicago, IL 60693		Invoice No. INV-00665394	Disputed			\$752.34
Gilberto Morales c/o David M. Driscoll Ainsa Hutson LLP 5809 Acacia Circle El Paso, TX 79912-4859		Case No. 2007-5405	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
Isaac Melendrez c/o Margie A. Rutledge Rothstein Donatelli LLP 500 4th Street, N.W., Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87102		Case No. D-307-CV-2024-00170 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
Jane Doe "204" c/o Levi A. Monagle Huffman Wallace & Monagle LLC 122 Wellesley Dr. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106		Case No. D-307-CV-2024-01013 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, MN	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
Jane Doe 1 c/o Taylor E. Smith Rothstein Donatelli LLP 500 4th Street, N.W., Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87102		Case No. D-307-CV-2022-01360 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown

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Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number and email address of creditor contact	Nature of claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services,	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of claim If the claim is fully unsecured, fill in only unsecured claim amount. If claim is partially secured, fill in total claim amount and deduction for value of collateral or setoff to calculate unsecured claim.		
				Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim
Jane Doe 2 c/o Taylor E. Smith Rothstein Donatelli LLP 500 4th Street, N.W., Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87102		Case No. D-307-CV-2022-01 360 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
Jane Doe 208 c/o Levi A. Monagle Huffman Wallace & Monagle LLC 122 Wellesley Dr. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106		Case No. D-307-CV-2025-01 895 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
Jane Doe 214 c/o Levi A. Monagle Huffman Wallace & Monagle LLC 122 Wellesley Dr. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106		Case No. D-307-CV-2025-01 893 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
Jane Doe 3 c/o Taylor E. Smith Rothstein Donatelli LLP 500 4th Street, N.W., Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87102		Case No. D-307-CV-2022-01 360 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
Jane Doe 4 c/o Taylor E. Smith Rothstein Donatelli LLP 500 4th Street, N.W., Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87102		Case No. D-307-CV-2022-01 360 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
Jane Doe 5 c/o Taylor E. Smith Rothstein Donatelli LLP 500 4th Street, N.W., Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87102		Case No. D-307-CV-2022-01 360 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
John Doe "203" c/o Levi A. Monagle Huffman Wallace & Monagle LLC 122 Wellesley Dr. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106		Case No. D-307-CV-2024-00 660 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated			Unknown

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John Doe "206" c/o Levi A. Monagle Huffman Wallace & Monagle LLC 122 Wellesley Dr. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106		Case No. D-307-CV-2024-01 635 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
John Doe 1 c/o Taylor E. Smith/Rothstein Donatelli 500 4th Street, N.W., Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87102		Case No. D-101-CV-2023-01 010 First Judicial District Court County of Santa Fe, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
John Doe 2 c/o Taylor E. Smith/Rothstein Donatelli 500 4th Street, N.W., Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87102		Case No. D-101-CV-2023-01 010 First Judicial District Court County of Santa Fe, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
John Doe 209 c/o Levi A. Monagle Huffman Wallace & Monagle LLC 122 Wellesley Dr. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106		Case No. D-307-CV-2025-01 899 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
John Doe 210 c/o Levi A. Monagle Huffman Wallace & Monagle LLC 122 Wellesley Dr. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106		Case No. D-307-CV-2025-01 898 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
John Doe 211 c/o Levi A. Monagle Huffman Wallace & Monagle LLC 122 Wellesley Dr. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106		Case No. D-307-CV-2025-01 902 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown
John Doe 212 c/o Levi A. Monagle Huffman Wallace & Monagle LLC 122 Wellesley Dr. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106		Case No. D-307-CV-2025-01 903 Third Judicial District Court County of Dona Ana, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown

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Leigh Messerer as Personal Representative of John Doe 3 c/o Taylor E. Smith/Rothstein Donatelli 500 4th Street, N.W., Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87102		Case No. D-101-CV-2023-01 010 First Judicial District Court County of Santa Fe, NM	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			Unknown