

A Message from the Committee Chair

As Chair of the Survivor Committee, I want to take a moment to communicate directly with all Survivors in the Archdiocese of Baltimore case.

Recently, the Survivor Committee announced an important settlement with one of the insurance companies and filed what is called a plan of reorganization. Because we have received questions—and because some public reporting has not been fully accurate—I would like to clarify what these developments mean.

- The Survivor Committee has negotiated a \$100 million settlement with an insurance company, The Hartford. This is the first insurance company to agree to a settlement. There are several others and we are still negotiating with them.
- This money will be paid to Survivors if the Archdiocese's bankruptcy is fully resolved.
- While this settlement is a meaningful step forward, it is only the beginning of the work ahead.
- The Committee has not yet reached agreements with the Archdiocese, its parishes and schools, or the other insurance companies. These parties must also contribute to ensure fair accountability and support for Survivors.
- The Committee has filed a bankruptcy plan, which serves as a legal roadmap to bring this case to a resolution.
- This plan will continue to be negotiated and, if necessary, contested in court. Survivors will have the opportunity to review the plan and decide whether to support it. While this process will take time, filing the plan was an important step to move the case forward.
- The Committee continues to pursue additional settlements with all responsible parties.
- The Committee is also working to strengthen protections for children across the Archdiocese going forward.

Because each member of the Survivor Committee is, like you, a Survivor, we share many of the same feelings and perspectives. While no one can fully know another person's experience, we stand in a shared understanding.

We also recognize that many of you are struggling in different ways as this process unfolds. We receive your messages and hear your concerns. The members of the Survivor Committee experience moments of isolation, anger, and frustration as well. In difficult moments, I try to focus on what I can control and let go of what I cannot. It is not easy—but giving in to discouragement only takes away the strength we need to continue this work.

This is not over. And we need one another.

You are not alone. We stand together.



Paul Jan Zdunek
Chair of the Survivor Committee