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Dear Brothers,

It is with great gratitude that I inform you that U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Robert Kressel today signed the official order closing the Archdiocese's bankruptcy case, filed in January 2015. Judge Kressel approved the joint plan of Reorganization – reached with abuse survivors – in October, but today's order concludes the legal proceedings. That said, our efforts to reach out to those hurt by people in the Church is just beginning and will continue indefinitely, along with our core commitment of creating and maintaining safe environments for all.

Please know of my gratitude for your steadfast service during these challenging past four years. I ask you to join me in pausing during these final days of Advent and Christmas to pray for all survivors, their families and friends.

Fraternally in Christ,

Archbishop Bernard Hebda

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