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Statement on the Bankruptcy Filing of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester

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NEW YORK, NY – Senator Brad Hoylman (D/WF-Manhattan) released the following statement in response to the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester as it faces claims from New Yorkers under the Child Victims Act.

Senator Hoylman said: "It's despicable that the Rochester Diocese would file a voluntary bankruptcy to shield their assets from sexual abuse survivors suing through the Child Victims Act. For decades, survivors of child sexual abuse unsuccessfully pleaded for help from the church. As a result, we passed the Child Victims Act so survivors would finally have their day in court and hold accountable their abusers and the institutions that may have harbored them."

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