

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP
OF WASHINGTON**, a corporation sole,

Plaintiff,

v.

MURIEL BOWSER, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 20-3625 (TNM)

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**SECOND APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER
AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b) and Local Civil Rule 65.1, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington (the “Archdiocese”) submits this application for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against restrictions on worship services imposed by the District of Columbia in violation of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment. In particular, the Archdiocese seeks a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against the 250-person limit and the 25% capacity limit on attendance at indoor worship services set forth in Mayor’s Order 2020-126 issued on December 16, 2020, and against the enforcement of any other discriminatory limit on the number of attendees at worship services. The grounds for this application are set forth in the accompanying Statement of Points and Authorities. The Archdiocese respectfully requests a hearing and that the Court adjudicate this application on an expedited basis and issue relief by March 25, 2021.

A proposed order is attached.

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7(m), counsel for the Archdiocese conferred with counsel for the Defendants, who indicated that they oppose this application.

Respectfully submitted, this the 5th day of March, 2021.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that, simultaneous with this filing, counsel for the Archdiocese gave counsel for the Defendants actual notice of the time of making this application, and that copies of all pleadings and papers filed in this action to date have been furnished to counsel for the Defendants.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on March 5, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was electronically filed using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record. A true and correct copy of the foregoing was also sent to counsel for Defendants via email.

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