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Diocesan Protocol Concerning Threatened Unlawful Use of Force

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It is important for diocesan parishioners to conduct themselves at all times in a responsible, godly manner. It is also important to remember that actions have consequences. This protocol deals with those situations in which a church leader (clergy, warden, vestry person, ministry leader, etc.) receives a credible report that someone has made a threat involving the unlawful use of force toward himself or toward one or more others, where at least one of the threatened individuals is either a parishioner or someone who could reasonably be expected to attend a parish activity.

If someone in leadership at a diocesan parish or mission receives a credible report that a parishioner has threatened to take his or her own life, or that someone has threatened the unlawful use of force against one or more other individuals, at least one of whom is either a parishioner or someone who could reasonably be expected to attend a parish activity, that person should promptly contact local authorities to report that threat, and offer to assist them as they respond to, evaluate, and deal with that threat.

If in doubt concerning how to proceed in a situation described above in this protocol, please contact Bishop Orji, the Diocesan Chancellor (Christopher Milner), or either of the Diocesan Vice-Chancellors (Sir Solomon Kanu for U.S. parishes, and David Avren for Canadian parishes) immediately.