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**Bishop Michael Olson's Statement to the Faithful of the Diocese of Fort Worth  
Regarding the Minneapolis Catholic School Shooting**

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Our hearts are moved with compassion and solidarity for the people who suffered loss and experienced trauma this morning in the shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We pray for the families of the murdered children and for the healing of the wounded and of those who have been traumatized.

Our prayer also prompts us to work intentionally for the good and against the evil perpetrated against innocent children and their teachers gathered in worship as part of a Catholic school dedicated to the mission of education.

While debate will follow in many circles about various strategies to prevent a repetition of this crime in other places, including the areas of mental health and regulation of firearms, these are ancillary to the primary issue of good versus evil.

There are too many ideologies currently in our society that incite people to violence against the innocent and vulnerable; ideologies that begin with a denial of God's loving sovereignty of all creation.

We will be prayerful and remain vigilant in the protection of our children and of the institutions in the Diocese of Fort Worth that prepare them for purposeful lives dedicated to love of God and neighbor.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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