

Archdiocese of Seattle Statement on the Minneapolis Tragedy

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Statement from Archbishop Paul D. Etienne

As I was leaving for a walk this morning, I learned of the shooting at Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis. I decided to offer a rosary for all those involved. After praying the rosary, I checked for an update, which indicated two people were dead and another 17 injured in addition to the shooter who had taken their own life.

Please pray for all who lost their lives, for this parish and school family, and the families of all who have been impacted.

Our human family is in need of so much healing. Let us pray for peace in every human heart.

Statement from Nicholas Ford, Superintendent for Catholic Schools

We are heartbroken.

The first week of school is supposed to be a time of excitement and joyful anticipation for a new school year: a time to reunite with friends and meet new teachers, a time to pray and ask the Holy Spirit for grace during the new year.

Today's shooting in Minneapolis is incomprehensible.

We are devastated by today's tragedy. Our hearts break for the students, their families, the staff and the entire Annunciation Catholic School community. We are praying and grieving alongside them.

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