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STATEMENT

Bishop Malloy offers prayers for victims and end to violence

ROCKFORD-- Bishop David J. Malloy today issued the following statement in response to reports of acts of stabbing violence in the last two days in the City of Rockford.

“I was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the senseless stabbings in the last two days resulting in the loss of precious lives.

“I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences and prayers for all the victims and all those injured in these unprovoked acts of violence in the Rockford community. I offer my own prayers as well as those of the entire Catholic faithful in the 11 counties that make up our Diocese of Rockford.

“As we gather in the next few days to focus on the sacrifice of our Lord and celebrate the joy of the resurrection, we will surely ask God to comfort our brothers and sisters affected by these terrible acts and offer prayers for their recovery from injury and consolation in their grief.

“We also pray most fervently that our communities can live in peace and security and that those whose hearts are hardened by violence, anger or hatred may find the help they need to turn away from acts of evil.”

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