



Diocese of Fort Worth
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

STATEMENT ON THE SCHOOL SHOOTING AT ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

August 27, 2025

During this time of profound grief regarding this morning's school shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, I ask that you and our entire diocesan school community unite in prayer for the victims and their families.

This evil and horrific school shooting is yet another reminder of the critical need for maintaining strict and vigilant security procedures at our school campuses.

Over the past several years the Diocese of Fort Worth has made school security a priority by heavily investing in the ongoing improvement of our readiness to prevent such horrific acts of violence from being perpetrated against our schoolchildren. We assure you that security personnel are assigned to each Diocesan school campus, and our parish readiness has been enhanced through utilizing armed personnel called the Guardian Ministry.

Let us call upon the intercession of Saint Joseph and Saint Michael the Archangel to intercede for us and to shield our schools, our children, and our communities from harm. May God's mercy and peace surround the families affected, and may His divine protection continue to guide and guard all our Catholic schools.

Respectfully,

Frank Perez

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