

**Catholic Diocese of Richmond** 

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## Statement by Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo for Peace and Unity Following Deaths in Louisiana & Minnesota

Richmond, VA - Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo issued the following statement:

"Today, I would like to express my deep sorrow and sadness for the loss of life that has occurred in Louisiana and Minnesota. During these difficult times, let us turn our hearts and minds to Jesus Christ for strength, compassion and mercy. It is through Him that we will find hope and peace."

"In this Year of Mercy, may we all continually pray for peace in our country. It is my hope that the demonstrations across our nation remain peaceful and they encourage mutual respect and dignity for all. May God comfort all the individuals, their families and communities affected by these recent events and that a fair, just and peaceful resolution is found."

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