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Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo Statement On Diocesan Response Following Aftermath in Charlottesville

(Richmond, Va.) – Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo issued the following statement :

“I remain deeply saddened about the devastating events in Charlottesville over the weekend, most especially I mourn the loss of lives and the injuries of many more. Hatred, and its manifestations of racism, neo-Nazism and white supremacy, are sins against God and profoundly wound the children of God. I am grateful for the many people, including clergy and people of faith, who bravely stood against hate, whether in prayer or in person. I also thank and pray for the men and women from law enforcement and emergency services who protect us. I continue to join my brother priests and bishops, the lay faithful and people of all faiths as we turn to God in prayer. We ask his mercy, pardon and wisdom as we root out these long-standing evils, strands of which, tragically, remain woven within the fabric of our society.”

“In the coming days, our Diocese is exploring how we can address the issues highlighted in Charlottesville through prayer and action. As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we ask our Blessed Mother to intervene on our behalf. O Mary, Queen of Peace-pray for us.”

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