



## DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

### **Statement from Bishop Hurley on the tragedies which occurred in Grand Rapids:**

“As we reflect on the horrific acts of violence and the senseless loss of lives occurring yesterday, we search for answers to the question “why”. While we may never know or comprehend the impetus for such violence, it is a sad reminder that we must be tireless in our efforts to establish a peaceful and safe community and to put an end to such disregard for human life. May we seek a deep abiding peace that only God can provide.

In my name and on behalf of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, I extend our prayers and heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, the family of the suspect and all those who have been impacted by this tragedy. In a special way, we pray for and offer our gratitude to members of the Grand Rapids Police Department along with other law enforcement agencies, first responders and all those who put themselves in harm’s way to protect the people of our community.”

**Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley**

**Bishop of Grand Rapids**

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