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STATEMENT
We Stand In Solidarity With
The Jewish Community
Archbishop John C. Wester

ALBUQUERQUE – Tuesday, October 30, 2018– IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Archbishop John C. Wester has issued the following statement regarding the recent Pittsburgh and Jeffersontown shootings.

The lay faithful, religious and clergy of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe join our Jewish brothers and sisters during this week of abject mourning and intense grief in lifting up prayers of supplication to our merciful Father in heaven, our God of life and compassion. We pray that God our Father will accompany the family members and friends of those who were brutally killed in the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA, being for them a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night (Exodus 13:21) as they traverse the desert of sorrow and loss.

We pray as well for Maurice Stallard and Vickie Jones, recently killed in Jeffersontown, KY, when their murderer could not gain access to First Baptist Church in Jeffersontown, a predominantly black church.

May the God of all creation take the souls of His loved ones quickly to Himself even as He grants us the grace to do all in our power to eradicate hatred, bigotry and violence from our country, which has been so deeply wounded by these sins and crimes.

As we join our prayers with the mourners in Pittsburgh and Jefferstontown this week, in rituals that have become all too commonplace, we ask the God of Life to grant our fellow citizens Eternal Rest and to protect all of us who remain steadfast in our commitment to the removal of the insidious venom of those who fail to see that we are all created in the image and likeness of God.--END