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Bishop Bradley invites all to unite in prayer for the end of violence in wake of terrorist attack in Orlando

June 12, 2016 (KALAMAZOO, MICH.): The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley, Bishop of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, released the following statement regarding the terrorist attack in Orlando:

“The beauty and calm of this June Sunday morning was disrupted by the early morning news about the horrific mass shooting in Orlando, Fla. We are shocked and deeply saddened by the enormity of this act of terrorism. It is now estimated that 50 people have been killed and more than that number have been critically wounded in what is being termed the worst act of mass shooting in the history of our country and the worst act of terrorism, second only to the “9-11” events on September 11, 2001. .

In the name of the entire Church in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, I extend our deepest sympathies to the families of those who have been killed, and our prayers for those who are fighting for their lives, even as we ask God’s comfort and consolation to the families of all those who have been terrorized.

I also invite every member of our Catholic community, along with all the wonderful people of good will in our wider community, even as we are struggling with the sadness of our own recent tragic circumstances, to pray for an end of violence, hatred and intolerance in our society. With God’s grace and guidance, may we choose to live together in harmony and peace.”

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The Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo is the territory of Catholic churches and community led by Bishop Paul J. Bradley. The diocese was founded in 1971 when the Second Vatican Council called for the creation of smaller dioceses so that bishops could be more available to the people they serve. Today the diocese encompasses 5,337 square miles of nine counties in southwest Michigan: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch and includes 59 parishes as well as 23 Catholic schools.
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