



# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

THE CATHOLIC CENTER

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As people of faith in the God of life, we offer our heartfelt condolences to all of the victims of the mass shooting at a concert in Las Vegas on Sunday night. We are at the very beginning of the month designated for Reverence for Life and we find ourselves once again in mourning for the tragic consequences of a disregard for the sanctity of human life. Once again, we find ourselves in shock over unthinkable tragedies that have become almost commonplace.

While much remains to be discovered about the circumstances and motives of this tragedy, let us pray for the victims and all those injured. Let us commit ourselves, precisely because of our belief in the Gospel of Life, to work for a less violent society and to teach the sanctity of all human life. We must address the issue of gun violence as a nation and come to sensible conclusions. We must also continue to advocate for adequate treatment opportunities for the mentally ill. Let us pray that this be the last of these horrific outbursts of violence.

Peace and all good,

*+ John Stowe, OFM Conv.*

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