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## Statement from Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski Regarding Violence in Washington D.C.

**ST. LOUIS** – Following the disturbing events that have taken place at our nation's capital, Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski released the following statement:

"I join my brother U.S. bishops in condemning the violence we witnessed today in our nation's capital and condemning the events and rhetoric leading to the mob violence. We are called to act for the greater good, seeking the way of peace, not violence, to foster true healing for our United States. This nation has been a resilient beacon of democracy, under God, that peacefully and respectfully defends the rights of all our sisters and brothers.

We will continue to do so by joining in an understanding of God's love for each and every one of his children. I ask you to join me in prayer for peace and unity, and for the repose of the soul of the young woman who lost her life during today's violence. Pray also for our lawmakers, that the Holy Spirit will guide them, and that all of their actions will be for the greater good of the people of the United States of America."

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski Archbishop of St. Louis

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