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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

**Archbishop Rozanski and Area Faith Leaders to Hold Press Conference on House Bill 944
Regarding Guns in Church**

ST. LOUIS – Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski and various area faith leaders will gather for a press conference Wednesday, April 28, to share their concerns regarding House Bill 944.

WHAT:

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski will join area religious leaders in holding a press conference regarding Missouri House Bill 944, which would allow gun owners with a concealed carry permit to bring a weapon into church without the permission of their congregation's leader. This proposal would change the current legal recognition of churches and houses of worship as gun-free zones. Archbishop Rozanski and the other attending faith leaders oppose this bill and believe that the legislation, if passed, would broaden the scope of the Second Amendment at the expense of the First Amendment—infringing upon religious liberty.

More information will be provided during the press conference.

WHEN:

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

WHERE:

Cardinal Rigali Center
20 Archbishop May Drive
St. Louis, MO 63119

NOTES:

This event is presented by the Peace and Justice Commission of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Media attendance is limited to one reporter plus one camera operator or photographer per outlet. Masks and social distancing required.

PARTICIPANTS:

- Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis
- Rev. Robert T. Farr, Bishop, Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church



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- Rev. Dr Linden Bowie, Sr. Pastor, Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church; President, Missionary Baptist State Convention
- Rev. Traci Blackmon, Associate General Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries, United Church of Christ
- The Right Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Missouri
- Rabbi Amy Feder, Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel; President, St Louis Rabbinical and Cantorial Association
- Mr. James Croft, Leader, Ethical Society of St Louis
- Bishop Sylvester Williams Sr., Presiding Prelate, Third Episcopal District leadership of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

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