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STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL T. ROZANSKI REGARDING SHOOTING AT CENTRAL VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

St. Louis, Missouri –The Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis, offers his prayers and support for victims of this morning’s shooting at Central Visual & Performing Arts High School:

“Once again people in our city have experienced the tragic loss of lives and the trauma of a school shooting. I am holding our neighbors in the Central Visual & Performing Arts High School community in my prayers.

It is a sad irony that this tragedy comes the day before the multi-denominational Vigil to Save Children’s Lives and Interfaith Gun Safety Initiative launch.

I urge all people of good will to join together in prayer for everyone affected by today’s shooting, and for divine guidance as we continue as a community to seek ways of addressing the dual crises of mental health and violence.”

- Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

About the Vigil to Save Children’s Lives and Interfaith Gun Safety Initiative:

The vigil will be held at Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1600 Belt Avenue, 63112, and will kick off an Interfaith Gun Safety Initiative. The program will include the mourning rituals of various faith traditions and conclude with a candle lighting ceremony and refreshments. The public is invited, and an RSVP is requested.

For more information about the Interfaith Gun Safety Initiative, contact Rev. Rodrick Burton at (314) 246-1207. For more information about the Vigil and to RSVP, contact Elyse Picker, JCRC Program Manager at (314) 442-3874.