



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

**Archbishop Robert J. Carlson to Convene Interfaith Prayer Service for an
End to Violence in St. Louis**

*Faith leaders to pray at Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School on Sunday, Oct. 27;
public invited to join*

ST. LOUIS (Oct. 24, 2019) – On **Sunday, Oct. 27**, **Archbishop Robert J. Carlson** and representatives from nearly a dozen denominations across the St. Louis area will conduct a prayer service for an end to gun violence. This moment of unity is in response to the tragic wave of gun-related child fatalities in St. Louis this year.

Archbishop Carlson and other faith leaders from St. Louis will hold the service on the field at Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School to bring together the greater St. Louis community as one unifying voice of prayer against gun violence.

WHAT: The heads of various faith groups across St. Louis and surrounding areas will join together in prayer, each reciting their own devotion aimed at restoring peace on our streets and healing in our community. Archbishop Carlson and all participating leaders invite the public to attend.

Prayer service participants are listed at the end of this document.

WHEN: 3 p.m. CT on Oct. 27, 2019

WHERE: Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School
701 N. Spring Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63108

VISUALS:

- Archbishop Carlson sharing remarks to welcome guests to the prayer service
- 12 faith leaders each speaking individually to the congregation in prayer

- Attendees and leaders praying together
- Leaders interacting with the congregation before and after the service

NOTES:

Prayer Service Speakers:

- Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis
- Rabbi Noah Arnow
President, St. Louis Rabbinical and Cantoral Association
- Reverend Dr. Linden Bowie
President, Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri
Pastor, Zion Traveler Missionary Baptist Church
- Reverend Dr. Ginny Brown-Daniel
Conference Minister, Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ
- Reverend Dr. Craig Howard
Presbytery Leader, Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
- Father Billy Huete, SJ
Socius, Jesuits of the USA Central and Southern
- Reverend Carroll Johnson
Presiding Elder, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church of Missouri
- Iman Djilali Kacem
President, St. Louis Islamic Council
- Reverend Zachary Mullins
President of the St. Louis Christian Methodist Episcopal
Minister's Alliance Pastor, Rebirth CME Church
- Right Reverend George Wayne Smith
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri
- Reverend Clinton Stancil
Representing the Presiding Elder of the African Methodist
Episcopal Church of St. Louis Pastor, Wayman AME Church

- Bishop Nelson Watts, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop of Eastern Missouri and Western Illinois Church of God in Christ

Event MC:

- Tamiko Armstead, President of Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School

Event Co-Chairs:

- Reverend Darryl G. Gray
Chairperson, Social Justice Commission – Midwest Region
Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.
Associate Pastor, Greater Fairfax Missionary Baptist Church
- Marie Kenyon
Director, Peace & Justice Commission of the Archdiocese of St. Louis

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