***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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