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Bishop David Malloy Prays for Aurora, Illinois

ROCKFORD—Bishop David Malloy, leader of the Catholic Diocese of Rockford issued a statement to all those affected by the horrific shooting in Aurora, Illinois Friday, Feb. 15. He has also asked all parishes to add special prayers for the people of Aurora to all Masses said this weekend throughout the diocese.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP MALLOY:

I extend my prayers and deepest sympathy to the family members of those who lost their lives yesterday in the shooting at the Henry Pratt Company in Aurora, Illinois. I ask for prayers as well for all who were injured in the course of the incident, especially the responding police officers who were wounded as they risked their lives to save those still in the building.

I join Mayor Richard Irvin who called for prayers and solidarity in the Aurora community in the wake of this sorrowful moment. Our Catholic faithful and parishes solemnly offer their contribution to his call for healing and unity in the 1 community that is Aurora, Illinois.

SPANISH:

Extiendo mis oraciones y más sinceras condolencias a los familiares de quienes perdieron sus vidas ayer en el tiroteo de la empresa Henry Pratt en Aurora, Illinois. Igualmente pido oraciones por todos los que resultaron heridos durante el incidente, especialmente los oficiales de policía que respondieron, quienes resultaron heridos mientras arriesgaban sus vidas para salvar a los que aún estaban en el edificio.

Me uno al alcalde Richard Irvin quien pidió oraciones y solidaridad en la comunidad de Aurora a raíz de este doloroso momento. Nuestros fieles y parroquias católicas ofrecen solemnemente su contribución a su llamado por la sanación y la unidad en la comunidad que es Aurora, Illinois.

About Catholic Diocese of Rockford

Established in 1908, the Diocese of Rockford is comprised of 105 parishes in Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, JoDaviess, Kane, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Counties in Northern Illinois serving a Catholic population of more than 300,000. For more about the Catholic Diocese of Rockford visit www.rockforddiocese.org