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STATEMENT

Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, and
Donna Illerbrun, Superintendent, Catholic Schools,
On Minnesota's Annunciation Catholic School Mass Shooting

ALBUQUERQUE – Wednesday, August 27, 2025 – IMMEDIATE RELEASE — Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, and Donna Illerbrun, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, released a statement on Minnesota's Annunciation Catholic School Mass shooting.

The beginning of the school year should bring joy and happiness to children and families. Unfortunately, the world around us is suffering. We grieve with the people of Minnesota in the wake of this heartbreaking school shooting and hold close in prayer the children, families, educators, and first responders whose lives have been forever changed.

Here in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, the safety of our children and school staff is our deepest concern. Our Catholic schools are meant to be places filled with hope, joy, and happiness. We are committed to creating a secure, nurturing environment for our students and to walking closely with parents through open and honest communication.

Let us remember that we are all children of God and that God is with us. Let us pray for the children and families affected by this horrific act, and let us pray for peace in our hearts, our schools, and our world.

Together, with God's grace, let us work to put an end to this violence.

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