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Statement from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone Regarding Today's Violence in Downtown Charleston

“Once again we saw the loss of human life after an act of violence in our beloved city. On behalf of the Catholic faithful in South Carolina, I offer my deepest sympathies to the family of the victim.

“Today’s tragedy is yet another act of violence that has occurred in the past few weeks and has taken one or more innocent life, the others being the incidents in Charlottesville, Virginia and Barcelona, Spain. Violence is never the answer to the difficulties we may face. As Saint John Paul II said, ‘Violence and arms can never resolve the problems of men.’

“Now, more than ever, we need to join together as a Christian community and pray for peace. On Sunday at 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, I will offer a Mass for Peace and Justice. Together, we will offer prayers for the victim of today’s tragedy, as well as for racial reconciliation, peace in our world and all victims of violence. Please consider joining me for this special liturgy.

“May God bless the Holy City, our nation and our world as we heal from these tragedies.”

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