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Statement on Sutherland Springs shooting

AUSTIN – Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, Bishop of Austin, released the following statement on

Nov. 6:

Yesterday afternoon I heard of the horrific shooting and carnage that took place in Sutherland Springs near San Antonio that left 26 men, women and children dead. This is now the largest mass killing in Texas history. This senseless act of violence was compounded in that it occurred in a Baptist Church - a place of worship, a sacred place where people come to find God. I join many others in denouncing this evil act. I ask people of good will in the Diocese of Austin to pray for those who died, their families and loved ones and to remember those who were injured and are recovering. Let us pray and work to end all forms of violence.

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