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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great sadness, that once again we ponder the mystery of senseless violence and evil, that has occurred at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 27, 2018. Eleven souls died in the shooting at the synagogue. I want to assure all of our sisters and brothers in the Jewish community, that the Catholic community stands in solidarity with you and firmly opposes all acts of anti-Semitism.

All acts of violence, hate and discrimination have no place among us as Americans and are not to be tolerated under any circumstances. May our public officials find a realistic solution to all the gun violence that continues to be perpetrated against the innocent in our society.

I pray that the Lord bring eternal life to the victims and bring His comfort to their families.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. John M. Quinn
Bishop of Winona-Rochester