



## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

*In conjunction with the values that Madonna University, a catholic institution of higher education upholds, we, the Madonna University Student Senate write this statement regarding the victims and any other affiliates of Oxford High School thereof. We would like to extend our deepest condolences to the families of those who lost loved ones as well as to those injured in this tragic turn of events. We know that words will never be enough to compensate for the pain that losing a loved one can invoke and we grieve with you during this difficult time. We pray the arms of the Lord God almighty will encompass your hearts and allow for a peace that is beyond all earthly understanding to take root in the good ground of your hearts. Loss is never an easy concept to grasp, but we pray that you can take this time to reflect upon the memories and the legacy that your loved one has left behind. To those who were injured in the shooting, we pray for a full and speedy recovery physically, mentally, and spiritually.*

*This is no easy time for anyone to live in, amid a global pandemic and civil unrest among many things, we pray that you can find tranquility in the midst of the stormy seas of this life that we weather. Even though we have not met personally, we still extend the utmost sympathy to you and your families as this is one of the Franciscan values that our institution was built upon: Reverence for Creation as well as Respect for the Dignity of Each Person. During this time, we also pray that you find healing, joy, peace, comfort, and resiliency to carry you through this time. We would like to leave you with this scripture and pray that it brings comfort to you. Isaiah 41:10 says “Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Let it be known that we stand with you and will continue to uplift you in prayer.*

*Sincerely,*

*Yours Friends from the Madonna University Student Senate*