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## **Bishop James Golka's Statement on the Trump Rally Shooting**

COLORADO SPRINGS. Bishop James Golka issued the following statement in response to the shooting that took place on July 13 in Pennsylvania:

"I join Archbishop Timothy Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in condemning political violence and offering my prayers for President Trump and those who were killed or injured in the tragic incident on July 13 ([U.S. Bishops' President Condemns Political Violence and Calls for Prayers for Peace | USCCB](#)).

Just last month, the U.S. bishops issued a statement titled 'Pursue What Leads to Peace: A Christian Response to Rising Threats of Political and Ideological Violence ([2024.06.18 Political Violence Statement.pdf \(usccb.org\)](#),' in which we deplored the growing number of death threats directed at people in public office. We noted that, in these troubled times, 'political speech is often full of insults, fear, anger and anxiety,' all of which can make fruitful political dialogue nearly impossible. We ask all people of goodwill to join us in praying for peace in our country and for an end to political violence, which is never a solution to political disagreements. Mary, Mother of God and Patroness of the Americas, pray for us."

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