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Viatorians Join with Other Clergy in Speaking Out Against Discrimination Based on Faith

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At a press conference called by the Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council, leaders of different faith traditions — including Catholic, Protestant and Jewish — responded to acts of hatred directed against faith communities.

"We are appalled by the violence being done and hatred being spread in the name of the God who we believe teaches us the value of human life, the prized place of peace, and the imperative to work for justice for all," said the Rev. Eric C. Schlichting, pastor of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and clergy council chairman. "These values lead us to condemn any and all acts of violence, especially those committed by people who claim a religious justification.



"Our nation is a shining light in the world because we have firmly and repeatedly rejected discrimination based on faith," he added. "We believe that religious diversity makes our nation strong and that it is time for members of all faiths to stand courageously against any ideology or political movement that devalues the richness of any religious tradition."

More than two dozen clergy members signed their statement, including Fr. Corey Brost, CSV, and Br. Michael Gosch, CSV, coordinator of justice, peace and integrity of creation for the Viatorian Community.

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