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## **Bishop George Leo Thomas' Statement on Today's Violence at the US Capitol**

Dear Friends in Christ:

We join our voices with people of good will everywhere, condemning the violence and lawlessness that unfolded today in Washington, D.C.

Along with my fellow Bishops, I strongly condemn the actions of the misguided protesters and anarchists who breached the Capitol chambers today, wreaking havoc and mayhem while lawmakers debated the certification of the presidential election results.

I strongly echo the sentiments of Archbishop José Gomez, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, who wrote, "This is not who we are as Americans ... the peaceful transition of power is one of the hallmarks of this great nation."

During these pivotal days, when the nation is already under considerable duress, we turn to the Prince of Peace asking Him to guard and guide the United States, and to keep us true to our ideals as "One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.  
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