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The Diocese of Grand Rapids' Office of Communications issues a statement from Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, bishop of Grand Rapids, in response to the attack at a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel in Michigan:

I wish to express my sorrow over the tragic attack that occurred today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Grand Blanc Township.

No one should ever fear for their safety while gathering to worship. The ability to pray, to assemble peacefully, and to express one's faith is not only a constitutional right but a moral necessity for a compassionate society.

My prayers are with the victims, their families, and the entire Latter-day Saints community as they grieve and seek healing in the face of this senseless violence.

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