

# Statement of Bishop Robert W. McElroy Regarding the Police Shootings in Dallas

Diocese of San Diego

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The Catholic community of San Diego and Imperial Counties stands in sorrowful solidarity with the people of Dallas, and particularly with the victims of the violent and brutal attack upon the men and women who dedicate their lives to enforcing the law, often at great personal risk. We weep with the families of those who were shot and especially those who were killed, and we are renewed in our gratitude to officers of the law who undertake the enormously complex and difficult task of attaining justice in our society. It is a profoundly tragic irony that these officers were killed precisely at a moment when they were safeguarding citizens who were peacefully pointing to shortcomings in our criminal justice system. May this irony be a spur to us all to work together to end the scourge of violence which plagues our nation, to deepen the justice which our Founders sought to erect in the United States for our criminal system, and to support the countless men and women who serve our society with fairness and effectiveness as officers of the law.