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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The tragic events that unfolded yesterday at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, have left us deeply saddened. We are heartbroken and frustrated as we attempt to comprehend, once again, a senseless act of violence that claimed the lives of 19 children and two educators. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Robb Elementary School community as the families continue to cope with this unspeakable tragedy.

Please know the safety and well-being of students and staff in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Baltimore remain our top priority. As part of our commitment to providing safe and nurturing learning environments, our Catholic schools maintain robust security protocols, including access control to all facilities during school hours, security cameras monitoring entrances, visitors screened before admittance, and the use of Raptor visitor software. Additionally, our Catholic schools collaborate with local law enforcement on preparatory and preventative efforts, and have partnered with Safe Schools Maryland to provide students and staff with an anonymous safety threat tip line. Catholic schools have emergency response plans in place and host regular drills on evacuation, sheltering, and locking down.

We understand the news coverage of yesterday's shooting may cause an increase in stress and anxiety among our students. Rest assured our school counselors are prepared and available to support your children to help them work through their emotions.

Please join us in prayer as we pray for the victims and their loved ones. Let the Robb Elementary School community find comfort and strength during this time of unimaginable grief.

Contact your child's school or Greg Komondor, Director of Student Support Services for the Department of Schools with specific concerns. He can be reached at Gregory.Komondor@archbalt.org or 410-547-5515.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Donna M. Hargens".

Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jim Sellinger".

Mr. Jim Sellinger, Chancellor of Education
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