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Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston React to Charlottesville Tragedy

BRIGHTON, MA: As persons of faith who embrace the Gospel values of respect for the dignity of all persons and non-violent, peaceful resolution of differences, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston and our Associates abhor the recent tragic events in Charlottesville, perpetrated by white supremacists.

The alarming growth and increased activities of various hate groups throughout our country are contrary to both our religious and civic values. We renew our commitment to our charism of unity and reconciliation, and we stand in solidarity with all those who condemn acts of hatred and violence fueled by racism or any form of intolerance.

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The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston is a Congregation of vowed religious women and associates who minister in the Greater Boston area and beyond. They trace their roots from LePuy, France (1650), Lyon, France (1807), St. Louis, MO (1836) and arrived in Boston, MA in 1873. They identify with the cries of a world, stunned by violence and seek to reopen communications in divided communities, to search for shared values, and to empower individuals to explore common ground for the healing of humankind. They are part of The U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph composed of more than 4,500 members, 2,800 associates, with NGO status in the United Nations. For more information visit www.csjboston.org

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