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We are all deeply saddened by the violent attack on innocent people at the Tops Supermarket in Buffalo, NY on the afternoon of Saturday, May 14. According to reports, this murderous rampage was inspired by hate and racism, and the shooter subscribed to false and vicious propaganda posted on the internet.

Sadly, the violence has touched two of our Felician communities directly. A former student of our own Villa Maria College, whose mother is an alum and member of the Board of Trustees, was shot. We are grateful that he has already been released from the hospital and is healing. Two aunts of one of our health care aides at Villa Maria Convent were also at the supermarket. One of them was killed by the shooter, while another escaped unharmed.

Our prayers are with the victims, the survivors of the shooting, and all those who mourn the loss of innocent lives. We also pray that our elected leaders discover a way to bring this madness to an end.

Let us recommit ourselves to love, respect, and compassion for all people in their rich, God-given diversity. Let us also recommit ourselves to seeking the truth and denouncing the lies and hate promoted on social media.

May we be instruments of peace, love, and compassion in a world that faces the trauma of violence and hate every single day.

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