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Statement from Fr. Reginald Norman, President of the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA), on the Death of Charlie Kirk and the Current Climate of Division

The National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA) extends our condolences to the family and loved ones of Charlie Kirk. Every death is a tragedy, and as people of faith, we pray for the repose of his soul and for all who grieve his passing. Yet we are deeply concerned about the aftermath that has followed. In the wake of his death, we are witnessing alarming levels of anger, threats, and division across our country. We have learned of Black bishops and other leaders receiving death threats simply for expressing their views. This is unacceptable.

Some admired Mr. Kirk; others were upset by certain things he said. Such diversity of opinion is inevitable in a free society. We value the right to freedom of speech—yet far too often, those who express a different perspective are punished, silenced, or threatened.

At this critical moment, our nation needs leadership that listens to all voices, accepts differing opinions, and truly supports freedom of speech without retaliation.

The Black community in particular is on high alert. Achievements and contributions that have brought great acclaim to this nation are being dismissed or erased. Political and lay leaders speak negatively about Black people without consequence, yet when Black Americans defend their contributions or share a different opinion, their voices are too often ignored, disparaged, or threatened. Where is the justice in this?

We call on all Americans—regardless of political affiliation—to remember our shared values of human dignity, mutual respect, and freedom of expression. We must reject intimidation, labeling, and threats. We must build a society where differing opinions can coexist without fear.

Let this moment be an opportunity to recommit ourselves to dialogue over division, understanding over animosity, and respect over retaliation.

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