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# **Letter from the Prelate of Opus Dei on the tragedy in the United States**

Bishop Javier Echevarria, the Prelate of Opus Dei, sent a letter to the Vicar of Opus Dei for the United States, Rev. Arne A. Panula, about the tragic events today.

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**Rome**

Dear Arne:

May Jesus watch over my sons and daughters in the United States!

We received your fax while we were praying for the United States, and just as I was about to write you to let you know that I am united to your sorrow with all my soul. Be assured that many are praying for that beloved country of yours at this moment, asking our Lord especially for the victims and those, such as their relatives, who are suffering the consequences in a special way. I do not have the slightest doubt that God will heed these prayers. This is a most opportune time, on the one hand, to foster the Communion of Saints (being very close to those who are suffering) and, on the other, to fulfill our duties offered as service to others. I truly wish I could be there with you and help everyone!

Unite yourselves to my petition to Holy Mary, Regina Pacis, so that she

may obtain for us from heaven the true peace that comes when divine grace enters into the depths of our souls. Thus we will be able to make known to so many persons the unique happiness of being children of God, also in these sorrowful circumstances.

With all affection, I send you the blessing of Blessed Josemaria and Don Alvaro.

Your Father

+ Javier

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