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**STATEMENT ON DEREK CHAUVIN VERDICT**

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WASHINGTON, DC – Today's verdict in the killing of George Floyd calls us to come together as people of God and renew our commitment to racial and social justice. Mr. Floyd's tragic death stands as a constant reminder that we must bridge our divides, seek reconciliation, and embrace Christ's message to love one another.

As a Catholic health care ministry, we firmly believe that racism is a public health crisis. We are committed to addressing health disparities and achieving health equity. We must acknowledge the suffering of those afflicted by racism and recognize their pain so that true healing may begin to occur.

This moment reminds our nation that we must continually strive to seek common ground and understanding, seeing in all people the neighbor we are called to love.

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