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Statement by Archbishop Peter Sartain and Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio Elizondo on vandalism at Temple De Hirsch Sinai

On behalf of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Seattle, we express deep sorrow and solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters following the vandalism of Temple De Hirsch Sinai this past weekend. Our community stands with our neighbors who have been subjected to such a senseless and hateful crime. Sadly, this local attack is among several recent anti-Semitic actions in the United States. Such crimes must be rejected because they threaten to divide people of faith and undermine liberty for all. In solidarity with the Jewish community – “our elder brothers in the faith of Abraham” – we look forward in hope to the day when the darkness of religious hatred will be transformed by the light of our loving God.

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