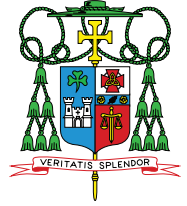




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STATEMENT OF BISHOP MICHAEL OLSON REGARDING DISRUPTION  
OF CERTIFICATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AT U.S. CAPITOL

January 6, 2021

The disruptive and illegal actions of those who trespassed into the U.S. Capitol today during the certification process of the presidential election were outrageous and painful to witness as a bishop and as a citizen of the United States of America.

A peaceful republic requires safety and security in accord with the legitimate rule of law to foster the confidence of citizens in the electoral system and process. These outrageous actions undermined that safety and security.

I hope and pray that with order restored, sufficient time and resources will be afforded by Congress to address the legitimate concerns of so many Americans regarding the integrity of our nation's electoral system within the rule of law required for right order, the common good, and peace.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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