

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

A Message from Msgr. Stephen Berg On the West Explosion

Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of West and the surrounding areas as they deal with the devastation and suffering caused by the fertilizer plant explosion Wednesday night. We extend the support of the Diocese of Fort Worth to the people of West, and the Diocese of Austin, as they struggle through this devastation. I have spoken with Bishop Joseph Vasquez, Diocese of Austin, and he says that there is a great need at this time for financial assistance and for donations of blood for the victims. I ask that the people of the Diocese of Fort Worth respond generously to these needs, and that we take heart from the call of Pope Francis this morning, to "Please join me in praying for the victims of the explosion in Texas and their families."

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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