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Bishop Kevin Vann Extends Condolences to Victims of Today's Bus Crash

Bishop Kevin W. Vann has extended his condolences to the families of the victims of the bus crash this morning in Sherman. He joins the four Vietnamese parishes of the Diocese of Fort Worth, each of which have representatives attending the Marian Day celebration in Carthage, Missouri, this weekend, and all Catholics across the Diocese of Fort Worth in praying for the repose of the souls of those victims and their families. All parishes in the Diocese of Fort Worth will remember these victims in Masses this weekend.

Bishop Vann has a special connection to this annual pilgrimage in that he attended and celebrated Mass for the pilgrims in Carthage, Missouri, in 2007. Bishop Vann is quoted as saying, "In my experience, both in the seminary and in the Diocese of Fort Worth, I have found the Vietnamese people to have a great faith. I know that this faith will sustain and console them at this moment of great tragedy. We pray that the risen Lord grant eternal peace to the victims of this crash and sustain their families."