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### An Important Message from Mayor Neil M. O'Leary

Today our friends and neighbors in Newtown have endured an unspeakable tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those affected today; families, students, officials and first responders alike. We should also remember those who have been blessed to be given the gift of being parents and remember the joy and responsibility that goes along with that privilege as we can only imagine what one goes through when a cherished, innocent child is inexplicably taken from us.

Especially at this holiday season it is even more difficult to cope with something like this. I had originally planned to host a holiday party on Wednesday of next week but have decided to cancel that event. Instead, I am asking all those who planned to attend, all city employees who can and anyone else who can, to join us at a special memorial service to be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 1:00pm at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, on the Green.

Please consider joining us as we pray together for all of those affected by this awful tragedy.