From the <u>WND News Center</u> to this writer for <u>MHProNews</u> and for the "<u>Reality Check</u>" series for this <u>Patch</u> is the following. More insights include the remarks of Minneapolis, MN Mayor Jacob Frey are found in Part II.

## Part I

## **WND**

'Asinine': Catholic bishop rips mayor for anti-prayer comment after shooting at school

Minneapolis leader set straight on Catholics' beliefs regarding petitioning God

By Bob Unruh | August 29, 2025

A Minnesota bishop has scolded the mayor of Minneapolis, Jacob Frey, for his mockery of Christianity after a school shooting at a Catholic school that left two students dead and more than a dozen others injured.

A report from Fox News explains the rebuke.

Frey openly mocked those who prayed for the students, or those who called for prayer, after the tragedy, with, "Don't say this is about thoughts and prayers."

Which prompted Bishop Robert Barron to explain, "Catholics don't think that prayer magically protects them from all suffering. After all, Jesus prayed fervently from the cross on which he was dying."

He called the mayor's public blast at faith, "asinine."

All Minneapolis Democrat Mayor Jacob Frey on shooting: "Don't just say this is about thoughts and prayers right now! These kids were literally praying." <a href="mailto:pic.twitter.com/rjRwkoTQNd">pic.twitter.com/rjRwkoTQNd</a>

— Daily Caller (@DailyCaller) <u>August" class="redactor-linkify-object">https://twitter.com/DailyCalle...</u> 27, 2025

The tragedy developed at Annunciation Catholic School when a man, who had been portraying himself as a woman, allegedly used three weapons to shoot at children and staff members through church windows.

FBI Director Kash Patel confirmed the bureau is investigating the attack as both a possible act of domestic terrorism and a hate crime targeting Catholics.

So far, an investigation has confirmed the alleged gunman left anti-religious writings behind.

Frey had lashed out at people of faith, demanding, "Don't say this is about 'thoughts and prayers' right now — these kids were literally praying. It was the first week of school – they were in a church."

He was among a long list of leftists, and gun control extremists, who issued anti-faith statements.

Fox reported, "Barron, an influential Catholic leader who leads the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, argued that critics misunderstand the role of prayer."

"Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God, which strikes me as altogether appropriate precisely at times of great pain," he said. "And prayer by no means stands in contrast to decisive moral action. Martin Luther King was a man of deep prayer, who also effected a social revolution in our country. This is not an either/or proposition."

And he cited the surging level of anti-Christian violence.

"In the past seven years in our country, there has been a 700% increase in violent acts against Christians and Christian churches. Worldwide, Christianity is by far the most persecuted religion. That people are even wondering whether the tragedy in Minneapolis is an instance of anti-Catholic violence is puzzling to me."

Part II

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fo1OEJFEvrk

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnEUPSccP6k

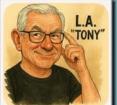
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'I am not right' Catholic Church/School shooter identified as anti-Trump transgender

'Unfortunately due to my depression anger and twisted mind I want to fulfill in a final act that has been in the back of my head for years'

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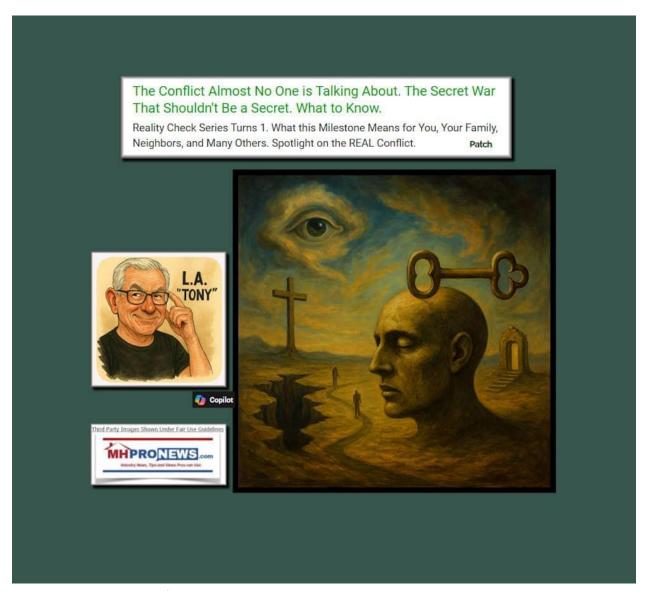




For those looking for more insights, see this article. MHProNews mourns the loss of all those who have died and been harmed in this tragedy. <a href="https://patch.com/florida/lakeland/i-am-not-right-catholic-church-school-shooter-identified-anti-trump-transgender">https://patch.com/florida/lakeland/i-am-not-right-catholic-church-school-shooter-identified-anti-trump-transgender</a>

There are pages of remarks around this tragedy ranging from a call for more gun control, or gun confiscation, to prayers, good wishes, and all sorts of things in between.

What is clearer to those who have a deep and true faith is this. The battle is on.



https://patch.com/florida/lake...

There are prayers that are and should be said for all, and that means everyone, involved.

There is always more to know. More from this "Reality Check" series for this Patch and in our deeper dive reports on MHProNews and MHLivingNews. Thanks as always for checking in.