

**Statement by Bishop Edward C. Malesic on death of Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School student Nov. 1, 2017**

“Jesus wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus. Today is a very sad day for the Greensburg Central Catholic community, and there are many tears that have already been shed at this tragic loss of one of our young students. I extend my heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathy to the student’s parents and his entire family. I also am praying for the Greensburg Central Catholic community, especially for the students who have now lost a friend and fellow classmate. Knowing that many people will have questions about grief, faith and the fragility of life, counselors from GCC and the Intermediate Unit, as well as spiritual help from the leadership of our campus ministry, will be made available at the school for students, faculty and staff. May we hold each other close in prayerful support. May Jesus give us his consolation and his help during this difficult time.”