

# *Religious leaders decry Trump photo op, police actions*

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Washington, June 3 (RHC)-- Faith leaders in Washington, DC, have continued to express outrage over Trump's photo-op at the historic St John's Episcopal Church.

"I am outraged. The president did not pray when he came to St John's, nor as you just articulated, did he acknowledge the agony of our country right now," Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde told CNN.

Wilton Gregory, the Archbishop of Washington, meanwhile decried Trump's planned visit to Saint John Paul II National Shrine on Tuesday.

"I find it baffling and reprehensible that any Catholic facility would allow itself to be so egregiously misused and manipulated in a fashion that violates our religious principles, which call us to defend the rights of all people even those with whom we might disagree," Gregory, the first African American Catholic Archbishop of Washington, said in a statement.

"Saint Pope John Paul II was an ardent defender of the rights and dignity of human beings," he added "His legacy bears vivid witness to that truth. He certainly would not condone the use of tear gas and other deterrents to silence."

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