



## STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

June 9, 2020

The Archdiocese of Boston asked Rev. Daniel Moloney to resign as Catholic Chaplain at MIT, to which he has agreed, following his June 7, 2020 email to the MIT Catholic community. The personal opinions echoed in his comments regarding the murder of George Floyd do not reflect the positions of the Archdiocese and are not consistent with the positions detailed in the recently issued statement of Cardinal Seán O'Malley (available [here](#)). While Fr. Moloney's comments should not reflect on the entirety of his priestly ministry, they nonetheless were wrong and by his resignation he accepts the hurt they have caused.

In the pastoral letter of June 5, 2020, Cardinal Seán stated, "The Catholic Church is a community of people of all colors, nationalities and ethnicities. Catholic moral teaching is based on the fact that all people – without regard to race, religion, ethnicity or nationality – are created in the image of God. This teaching rejects any form of racism, personal or systemic. Our faith calls us to leadership in breaking down barriers and standing against injustice. To violate human dignity is to dishonor the presence of Christ in each person."

MIT has a strong Catholic community that is active and strong in faith. The Archdiocese is committed to providing pastoral care to the community and we welcome the opportunity to promote ongoing dialogue in the spirit of solidarity to reject racism in all its forms.