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A STATEMENT FROM MICHAEL MELARA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Catholic Charities stands in solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islanders community in the wake of the recent attacks. We firmly denounce racism of any kind.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have witnessed heightened racism and violence towards the Asian Community, based on the racist notion that the Asian community is to blame for the pandemic. Recent attacks towards the Asian and Pacific Islanders community, particularly the elderly, show the continued rise of anti-Asian racism throughout the pandemic.

Catholic Charities of Onondaga County is dedicated to the idea that all human life has infinite value. Every person is worthy of dignity and respect. We serve people regardless of race, nationality, ethnicity, or any other consideration. Our hearts go out to the victims and their loved ones.