Archbishop Condemns Murders in Egypt, Calls for an End to Religious Persecution

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Most Rev. William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, issued the following statement following the deaths of 44 Egyptian Coptic Christians on Sunday:

"The murder of so many innocent Christians, coming on the first day of Holy Week, is a horrific reminder of the religious persecution that still takes place in many parts of our world today. As we prepare to mark the persecution and crucifixion of our Lord, Jesus, I invite all people of faith to remember these 44 modern day martyrs and the loved ones they leave behind and to pray for the protection of religious freedom throughout the world and for an end to terror and religious persecution."