



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY  
MAYOR

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GREETINGS

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I wish to add my words of support to the survivors, friends, and families attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass to honor the victims of the Our Lady of the Angels school fire.

On December 1, 1958, a fire broke out in the basement of the Our Lady of the Angels catholic school, which swept through the building and took the lives of ninety-two children and three nuns, who were helpless and unable to escape. This tragic event precipitated changes in the way our nation equips its schools for fire safety.

As you come together in Mass to keep vigil for the loss of so many young children and the teachers who served them, may you find comfort in the presence of one another, and in the memory of the good lives your honor today.

My prayers are with all of you as you gather on this occasion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Daley".

Mayor