Dear Trinity Students,

By now I expect that most of us in this Trinity community have been made aware of the unbelievable and tragic events that happened yesterday on the campus of Virginia Tech University. While there are many, many responses to such brokenness and evil in our world, please let our response be one that calls for the Holy Spirit to guide, the Father’s mercy to forgive and heal, and Jesus’ love to comfort. Remind each other—we who belong to this Trinity community—to care deeply for one another. And recognize that we have fellow citizens beyond our community who are in desperate need of our prayers during a long journey of loss and grief.

Also know that in light of the Virginia Tech incident we are reviewing our campus safety and security procedures, particularly our communication and notification procedures on campus and also with the local public safety agencies.

If you or someone you know is having a particularly difficult time with this tragedy, please talk to a trusted friend, your Resident Director or Resident Assistant; Liz Metcalfe (ext. 4820) or Robin Linhart (ext. 4853) in the Cooper Center; or Chaplain Tim Hoekstra (ext. 4880).

This evening, Tuesday, April 17, you are invited and encouraged to gather in the West and South Hall courtyard for a candlelight vigil at 10 p.m. to remember and pray for the victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy.

Shalom
Dean Ginny Carpenter
April 17, 2007