Students mock Native American.

A Catholic school in Kentucky condemned a group of its students, many of whom

wore make America great again hats, after they were recorded harassing a Native American Vietnam veteran in a video that went viral on Saturday.

The students from private all-male Covington Catholic High School in Northern Kentucky were in Washington for an anti-abortion rally on Friday when they were filmed surrounding Nathan Phillips and mocking the NativeAmerican singing and drumming.

One teen in particular is seen standing in front of Phillips staring into his face with a smile. « Fellow students cheered him on and chanted build that wall, build that wall », Phillips said.

The footage was shared online by organizers of an indigenous peoples’ march that also took place on Friday.

In a joint statement the high school and Diocese of Covington condemned the actions of the students towards Nathan Phillips specifically and Native Americans in general : « the matter is being investigated and we will take appropriate action, up to an including expulsion », the statement said.

In a separate video uploaded to social media the 64 year old Phillips, an elder of

Nebraska's Omaha tribe, wiped away tears as he described the incident : «  I heard them saying ‘build that wall, build that wall’. These are indigenous lands. We’re not supposed to have walls », he said.

Democratic US Congresswoman Deb Holland, a member of New Mexico's Laguna Pueblo tribe, said that Phillips had risked his life for his country and that the students showed blatant hate, disrespect and intolerance.