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Relatives of the victims of the Omagh bombing say they are stunned that the leaders of the four main churches in the town won't be attending their memorial service on Sunday.

Instead, the main churches have decided to send representatives to the official service of remembrance being organised by the local district council on Friday.

A Presbyterian church spokesman says they agreed unanimously that it was more appropriate to attend the council's event to mark the 10th anniversary of the Real IRA atrocity.

Michael Gallagher, who lost his son Aidan in the explosion, says the relatives are hurt and surprised by the snub.



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