



Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes Statement Concerning Mass Shootings

The Sisters of St. Agnes are deeply saddened over the most recent mass shootings in our country. We grieve with the entire country over the numerous senseless tragedies which arise out of hatred and fear. And we condemn the hate-filled rhetoric and racist ideologies that fuel violence.

As a religious community that has lost three of our members to acts of violence, we have long been committed to prayer and action in the promotion of peace and non-violence. We will not accept mass shooting as the new normal and join the many voices demanding sensible legislation that works for the good of all people, not for the powerful few. We demand a ban on the sale of high capacity weapons and magazines, and we request universal background checks and mandatory waiting periods prior to the purchase of firearms.

We ask people to commit to prayer accompanied by action, such as writing and calling state and national leaders to put the welfare of people first.

Our commitment to non-violence extends to those who commit acts of violence. We believe that we are called to treat all people with dignity and value.

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