

PEACE: GUN VIOLENCE

“Peace is not merely the absence of war, and it is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers between adversaries” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2304*).

(From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

We call on Catholics and all people of good will to urge their Senators and Representative to support policy and legislative measures that:

1. promote mercy and peacebuilding in our communities by implementing reasonable regulations on firearms such as:
 - a. Require universal background checks for all gun purchases;
 - b. Limit civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines;
 - c. Make gun trafficking a federal crime, and;
 - d. Improve access to mental health care for those who may be prone to violence,
2. promote restorative justice by passing legislation to support important reentry programs that help people avoid re-offending,
3. improve access to health care and treatment for those with addiction and mental health needs.

