

Sisters of Divine Providence of Kentucky Corporate Stance on Gun Violence Prevention

We, Sisters of Divine Providence and Associates, grieve the loss of life through violence wherever it takes place in our world. We are horrified at senseless deaths from gun violence in our nation, especially by the deaths of children and young persons.

We hold as our ideal the creation of a society in which swords are beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks (Is. 2:4). As we long for a world of peace and justice, we realize that transformation of ourselves and society is not easy and takes courage and must be done.

We call for open and respectful dialogue in our communities, our states, and Congress around the proliferation of guns and pervasive violence of all kinds in our culture. As we work toward comprehensive gun control legislation, we ask our elected officials to immediately develop and pass effective laws that:

- require universal background checks and mandatory waiting periods for all gun purchases
- ban civilian ownership of high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines
- make gun trafficking a federal crime

We applaud efforts already initiated by corporations, some states and municipalities, and individuals who have adopted policies to lessen the number of guns on our streets and in homes.

Gun violence is a public health and moral crisis that destroys the lives, dignity and hope of millions of people in our country. We are committed to working with others on gun violence prevention that focuses on homicide, suicide and unintentional shootings. We believe that together we can find ways to stop the killing.

We place ourselves willingly in the hands of Divine Providence so that we may be instruments of peace and nonviolence on Earth.

We call upon all people of faith and good will to join us in prayer and action.