

**Gun violence in the US is a complex problem.** No single law, or set of laws, can prevent every act of gun violence in our country. The Second Amendment guarantees an individual the right to bear arms and most gun owners are responsible, law-abiding and use their guns safely.

Together we can confront the culture of violence with love and work to promote a culture that values life, peace and the inherent dignity of all.

Consider the following points from the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*. Choose the points that resonate with you. Then take action.

- ☞ **Require universal background checks for all gun purchases**
- ☞ **Limit civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines**
- ☞ **Make gun trafficking a federal crime**
- ☞ **Improve access to mental health care for those who may be prone to violence**



### Suggested Actions:

**Contact your Congressperson:** [www.usa.gov/Contact/US-Congress.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Contact/US-Congress.shtml) or call: 1-202-224-3121.

**Sign an online petition:** *We are Better Than This* was created to foster a meaningful national conversation on how we can prevent gun deaths and injuries. Online petition: [www.wearebetterthanthis.org](http://www.wearebetterthanthis.org)

**Learn more** about gun violence in the US from the following websites:

*Mayors Against Illegal Guns* is a national, bipartisan coalition of mayors from 43 states working to make US communities safer by keeping illegal guns out of dangerous hands. [www.mayorsagainstillegalguns.org](http://www.mayorsagainstillegalguns.org)

*Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence* works to pass, enforce, and protect sensible laws and public policy that address gun violence at the federal and state levels. [www.bradycampaign.org](http://www.bradycampaign.org)