



STATEMENT ABOUT THE VIOLENCE AT THE TREE OF LIFE SYNAGOGUE

Sisters of the Humility of Mary

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Once again our nation is mourning the senseless loss of life, this time at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Those gathered in worship that morning were celebrating the naming of a child, usually a joy-filled moment of new life. As Sisters of the Humility of Mary who seek to bring more abundant life to all God's people, we join with other faith leaders in sorrow and solidarity with our Jewish sisters and brothers and all those who value life in this latest moment of grief.

We also affirm Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik's call to "put prayer into action by loving our neighbors and working to make 'Never again!' a reality." We recommit ourselves to the call we expressed on earlier occasions of such violence: to use our voice to demand reasonable gun control and support services to identify and address the real needs of those who suffer from emotional, psychological and mental challenges.

We invite others to join us in advocating for the change that is needed in gun legislation and the allocation of resources to heal and care for **all** those who live within the borders of this nation.