

NCR joins Catholics United call for national discussion on gun violence

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National Catholic Reporter joins Catholic United in calling for President Obama to convene a national discussion on preventing gun violence.

Catholics United issued the following release today in reaction to this morning's mass shooting in Newtown, Conn.:

"Today's shooting is yet another horrific marker in a seemingly endless cycle of gun violence in America. As we mourn the dead and send thoughts and prayers to the families of the victims of this senseless act, we know prayer alone is not enough.

"As Catholics who support the social justice achievements of this President, we are disappointed in his lack of action in working to prevent these heinous acts of violence. We call on President Obama to find the courage to lead our nation and help bring a true and lasting end to gun violence.

"We need an immediate national dialogue on preventing yet another American family from having to go through Christmas without the loved ones they lost to gun violence. When will we stop setting the price of our freedoms at the blood of innocent children? We pray our elected leaders have the courage to face up to intransigent special interests and engage in a serious discussion of how to end--permanently--the cycle of gun violence in America."

Our editorial from the summer: [Editorial: We are victims of out-of-control gun culture](#) [1].

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