

# CATHOLICS FOR NONVIOLENCE

## Help Us to Stop Hatred and Killing

**A Catholic Movement  
Of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
In collaboration with people who stand against violence**

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### Chicago Resources

<b>Chicago Cares</b>	<a href="http://www.chicagocares.org">www.chicagocares.org</a>
<b>Office of Extended Learning Opportunities</b>	<a href="http://www.cpsafterschool.org">www.cpsafterschool.org</a>
<b>Chicago Public Libraries</b>	<a href="http://www.chipublib.org">www.chipublib.org</a>
<b>Tutor/Mentor Connection</b>	<a href="http://www.tutormentorconnection.org">www.tutormentorconnection.org</a>
<b>Chicago Coalition for InterReligious Learning</b>	<a href="http://www.ccirl.org">www.ccirl.org</a>
<b>City of Chicago Hotline</b>	<b>1-877-863-6338</b> <b>1-877-863-6339 (for hard of hearing)</b>

### **National Organizations**

**National Black Child Development Institute**

**National S.A.V.E.**

**National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign**

**National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center**

**United Religions Initiative**

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

[www.nbcdi.org](http://www.nbcdi.org)

[www.nationalsave.org](http://www.nationalsave.org)

[www.nyvpw.org](http://www.nyvpw.org)

[www.safeyouth.org](http://www.safeyouth.org)

[www.uri.org](http://www.uri.org)

<http://www.usccb.org/ocyp/>

### **The Catholics for Nonviolence Pledge**

**Faithful to the transforming vision of Jesus Christ and no longer willing to accept violence in our homes, on our streets, or in our global community,**

***I pledge to practice Gospel Nonviolence to heal the violence and conflict in our lives, our families, our parishes, our communities, and throughout all of God's creation;***

***I pledge to cultivate peace by proclaiming the Christian message of healing and hope, of renewal and reconciliation, of life and love to all people;***

***I pledge to address the root causes of violence that continues to affect people throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago so that we can end the cycle of violence and create a more just and peaceful city and world.***

### **Pledge for Peace**

**We, the Principals and Presidents of the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago, wish to express our abhorrence of the escalating violence on our streets. Young adults and children are suffering and dying before our eyes. We wholeheartedly condemn these actions and express sincere sympathy to the families who have painfully faced the horrors of gun violence and attacks on family members. We pledge our solidarity with the entire educational community by praying for peace and by working for a consistent nonviolent approach to resolving conflicts within our schools and neighborhoods. We resolve with our parents, staffs and students to create peaceful educational environments that respect and honor the dignity of every person.**

**The Catholic School Leaders of the Archdiocese of Chicago**

### **Catholic Schools Remember**

**Peace Table with Bible, peace symbols, photos of students in Chicago and suburbs who have died during the current school year.**

**Prayer for the Dead: Eternal rest grant to \_\_\_\_, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May s/he rest in peace. Amen  
(to be prayed during morning prayers in special remembrance of children and youth who die by violence)**

*It is thus understood that nonviolence, for Christians, is not mere tactical behavior but a person's way of being, the attitude of one who is convinced of God's love and power, who is not afraid to confront evil with the weapons of love and truth alone. Loving the enemy is the nucleus of the "Christian revolution"..  
Pope Benedict XVI, Public Address in Vatican City, February 18, 2007*