



One Heart. One Hope. One Mission.

Rapid Response of the Sisters of Notre Dame of the United States to the Recent Shooting in Buffalo, NY

“The Sisters of Notre Dame of the United States are called to respond to a world suffering from lack of respect for human dignity, injustice, war, violence and the destruction of the earth.” (General Chapter 2016, pg. 13).

We are outraged, saddened and reject the terror, hatred and violence that has most recently resulted in the death of ten people who were going about their lives. We recognize that although the young man acted individually, he is by no means alone in his white supremacist views or commitment to violence.

In February of 2021 the Sisters of Notre Dame of the United States passed a Corporate Stance Against Racism. We stand committed to promoting justice, educating on the dignity of every person and the common good, and advocating for fair and just systems so that all people may live without fear and violence.

We pray in solidarity with the families of those who were killed or injured. We also pray for those who witnessed this act of racism, terror and violence.

Finally, we pray for a change of mind and heart for the shooter and all those who believe that those who are different from us, must be removed from the earth.

We are a people of hope. We stand ready to move forward in faith and action.

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