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Love Thy Neighbor

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(Silver Spring, MD) – Love thy neighbor. It is a near universal call, but one that has been fading against the vitriol and violence of recent years. The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd calls for peace and an end to all the violence swirling about us – both in words and in actions.

We condemn the horrific assassination attempt against former President Donald Trump. We are heartbroken and offer our prayers to the family of firefighter Corey Comperatore who lost his life on Saturday. We also pray for those who were injured and their families and for all who witnessed this violent act. And we hold in prayer the perpetrator who so horribly lost his way, and his family.

Our civil society has no option but to seek a return to civility. We must re-learn how to disagree with tolerance; how to discuss and advocate with love; how to engage in public discourse and in our homes without resorting to violence.

We are entering the critical homestretch of the election season and political violence must not be tolerated. The United States often is described as the leader of the free world. Its citizens must feel safe participating in the electoral process whether at the ballot box or at a campaign rally.

We invite all to take a moment to reset and peacefully act for justice. Let's begin by loving thy neighbor.

[The National Advocacy Center](#) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The National Advocacy Center reflects the spirituality, history and mission of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (better known as the Sisters of the Good Shepherd). The sisters and their agencies work in solidarity with the disenfranchised – particularly families, women and children – who often are forgotten, left-behind or dismissed.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.

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