



# Peace and Justice Committee

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## The Diocese of West Missouri

### What Can I Do to Promote Gun Violence Prevention?

- Support Community Violence Interruption Initiatives with your Time, Talent or Treasure to help break the cycle of violence. In the Diocese of West MO, these organizations are doing the hard workday by day in our communities and deserve our support:
  - Aim4Peace (<https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/health/aim4peace-violence-prevention-program>)
  - Lyrik's Institution (<https://www.lyriksinstitute.com/>)
  - Ad Hoc Group Against Crime (<https://adhocgroupkc.org/>)
  - KC Common Good (<https://kccommongood.org/>)
  - Community Partnership of the Ozarks (<https://cpozarks.org/programs/violence-prevention/>)
- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper promoting sensible gun legislation.
- Support those organizations supporting victims and survivors of gun violence.
  - KC Mothers in Charge shows up at every homicide to support the family (<https://www.kcmothersincharge.org/>)
- Contact your representatives (local and federal) and ask them to make sensible gun laws a priority.
- Join/Donate to a gun violence prevention organization such as:
  - Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America ([momsdemandaction.org/](https://momsdemandaction.org/))
  - Sandy Hook Promise (<https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/>)
  - Giffords ([Giffords.org/](https://Giffords.org/))
  - Brady (<https://www.bradyunited.org/>)
  - Grandparents for Gun Safety (<https://grandparentsforgunsafety.org/>)
  - Lives on the Line (<https://wearelivesontheline.org/>)
- Learn about the issue at one of these sites:
  - Everytown for Gun Safety ([Everytown.org](https://Everytown.org))
  - Gun Violence Archive ([GunViolenceArchive.org](https://GunViolenceArchive.org))

- Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions ([publichealth.jhu.edu/departments/health-policy-and-management/research-and-practice/center-for-gun-violence-solutions](http://publichealth.jhu.edu/departments/health-policy-and-management/research-and-practice/center-for-gun-violence-solutions))
- Giffords Law Center ([giffords.org/lawcenter/gun-laws/](http://giffords.org/lawcenter/gun-laws/))
- Brady United Against Gun Violence (<https://www.bradyunited.org/>)
- Support gun-sense candidates for office. (<https://gunsensevoter.org/>)
- Prioritize gun safety at home if you are a gun owner.
- Sign up for legislative alerts and ongoing gun violence prevention work with the Peace and Justice Committee (<https://diowestmo.org/committees-and-ministries/peace-and-justice-committee/#peace-and-justice-mailing-list>)
- Contact Tara Bennett at [peaceandjustice@diowestmo.org](mailto:peaceandjustice@diowestmo.org) for information about hosting a Be SMART gun safety presentation to your church and/or community.
- Pray for the hundreds of people killed by guns every month in this country, for their loved ones, for the children traumatized by living with this level of violence, and for a collective change of heart.

