

Peace & Justice Report

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Domestic violence in America is to a significant degree a problem of gun violence...

Over the past 25 years, **more intimate partner homicides in the U.S. have been committed with guns than with all other weapons combined** and 54% of mass shootings in the U.S. are related to domestic or family violence, including the most recent shooting in Texas.

— about **4.5 million American women** alive today have been threatened with a gun by an intimate partner. The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation makes it **five times more likely** that women will be killed.

The six deadliest mass shootings of the last five years — two of which took place in the last two months — are sadly reflective of this general trend: All of the shooters had had brushes with domestic abuse or violence against women in their past. <https://everytownresearch.org/reports/mass-shootings-analysis/>.

As Christians We Must Stand for Life:

Rev. Daniel N. DiNardo, of Galveston-Houston, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), [said it best](#):

This incomprehensibly tragic event joins an ever-growing list of mass shootings, some of which were also at Churches while people were worshipping and at prayer. We must come to the firm determination that there is a fundamental problem in our society. A Culture of Life cannot tolerate, and must prevent, senseless gun violence in all its forms. May the Lord, who Himself is Peace, send us His Spirit of charity and nonviolence to nurture His peace among us all.

ACTION PLAN

1. Don't let it be said, "Another mass shooting. Another round of "thoughts and prayers." And nothing happens ... because of the NRA." Contact your legislators and ask them to **pass sensible gun laws** and to **enforce the laws we have**.
2. Be in touch with one of the organizations supporting the common good over the lobbying efforts of the NRA, who have controlled our legislators through donations and strong influence over elections and our laws regarding guns and the public through fear.
Everytown for Gun Safety: <https://everytown.org/?akid=38911.207280.XsU64D&rd=1&t=3>
Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America: <https://momsdemandaction.org/>
3. Join one of the hundreds of vigils nationwide on the 5th anniversary of the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy and help **#EndGunViolence** now.

For information on National Vigils to #EndGunViolence go to www.newtownfoundation.org