

“THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
**CANNOT IGNORE**  
THE MORAL AND HUMAN COSTS  
OF SO MUCH  
**VIOLENCE**

IN OUR MIDST . . . PERSON BY PERSON,  
FAMILY BY FAMILY, NEIGHBORHOOD BY  
NEIGHBORHOOD, WE MUST  
**TAKE BACK**  
OUR COMMUNITIES FROM  
**THE EVIL AND FEAR**  
THAT COME WITH SO MUCH VIOLENCE.

WE BELIEVE OUR  
**FAITH**  
IN  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
GIVES US THE VALUES, VISION  
AND HOPE THAT CAN  
**BRING**  
AN IMPORTANT MEASURE OF  
**PEACE**  
TO OUR HEARTS, OUR HOMES,  
AND OUR STREETS.”

– *Confronting a Culture of Violence:  
A Catholic Framework for Action*

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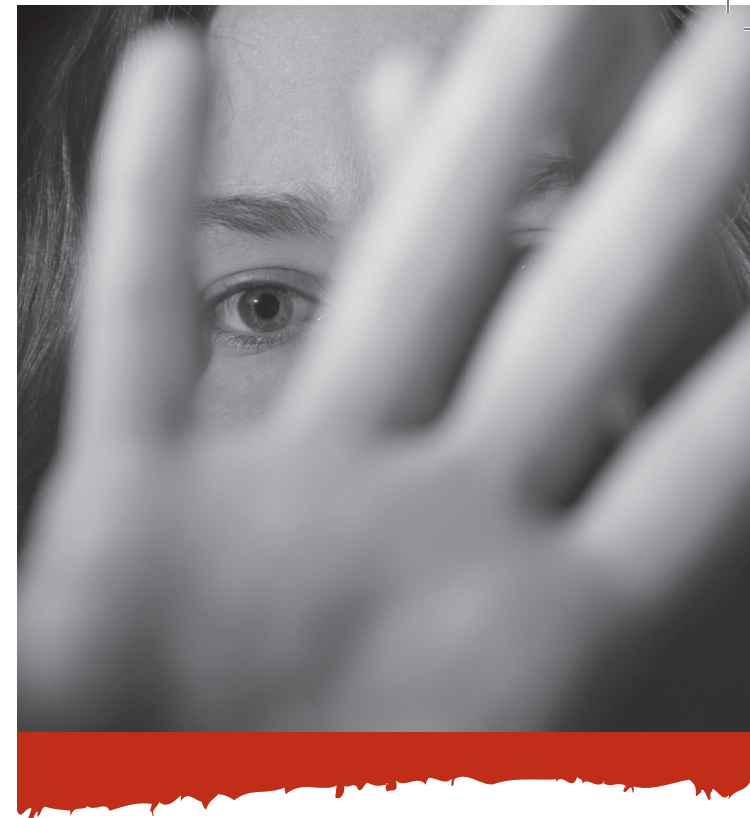
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**T**here is an American epidemic that kills tens of thousands of people every year and injures millions more. It is the epidemic of violence—a plague that destroys families and tears apart entire communities.

Catholic Health Initiatives, one of the nation's largest faith-based health care organizations, has heightened its commitment to building healthy communities by launching a comprehensive national campaign to eradicate the epidemic of violence.

As the first violence-prevention effort of its kind ever sponsored by a nonprofit health system, the initiative is inextricably linked to the fundamental mission of Catholic Health Initiatives, which calls for the organization to reach outside the four walls of its hospitals and health care facilities to serve the needs of the broader community.

The multidimensional strategic initiative, which underscores Catholic Health Initiatives' focus on those who are most vulnerable, includes four primary components:

#### **1. PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY**

Catholic Health Initiatives and its thousands of employees across the country will continue to seek out legislative and regulatory opportunities that address violence prevention at the local, state and national level.

#### **2. SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING**

Through portfolio screening and shareholder resolutions, Catholic Health Initiatives will identify investment and activism opportunities that can influence corporations to promote violence prevention. In recent years, Catholic Health Initiatives and other faith-based investors have addressed the violence that is prevalent in video games marketed to young people.

#### **3. COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES**

Many of Catholic Health Initiatives' affiliated hospitals administer community-wide programs to address violence, a broad term that encompasses domestic violence, gun violence, child and elder abuse, school violence and other violent behavior that affects the well-being of every community in this nation. Those initiatives have included collaborations with local agencies in support of domestic violence, partnerships with area law-enforcement agencies on crisis-intervention training, and comprehensive programs to address workplace violence. Catholic Health Initiatives will continue to seek additional opportunities and new partners to advance its commitment to violence prevention in all of the communities it serves.

#### **4. MISSION AND MINISTRY FUND GRANTS**

Each year, in an effort to focus more attention on this nationwide problem, Catholic Health Initiatives' Mission and Ministry Fund provides grants dedicated specifically to programs that promote violence prevention.

These annual violence-prevention grants are designed to help market-based organizations strengthen existing programs or create entirely new initiatives in areas such as domestic violence, sexual abuse and crisis-intervention training, among many others. Catholic Health Initiatives

also provides education programs and other resources to assist hospital affiliates in applying for these grants, which began in 2009. Since then, Catholic Health Initiatives has provided more than \$1 million to its affiliates to fund violence prevention programs focusing on child abuse, youth dating violence, gang violence, domestic violence and community education programs.

Violence in our society is an assault on the key conviction of the Catholic faith—a respect for life and human dignity. The struggle against violence is a moral imperative that we cannot ignore. Fourteen years ago, in a pastoral message titled, *"Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action,"* the U.S. Conference of Bishops declared: "Our faith challenges each of us to examine how we can contribute to an ethic which cherishes life, puts people before things, and values kindness and compassion over anger and vengeance."

**WORKING TOGETHER,  
UNITED  
AGAINST VIOLENCE,  
WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN  
THE STRUGGLE AGAINST  
ONE OF THE NATION'S  
MOST CRITICAL  
PUBLIC-HEALTH CONCERNS.**

The logo features the text "United Against Violence" in a bold, sans-serif font. "United" is in black, "Against" is in red, and "Violence" is in black. The text is set against a background of several concentric, curved lines that resemble a stylized 'U' or a series of waves. The entire logo is positioned on a white background that tapers into a red shape at the bottom of the page.

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