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Statement from Catholic Charities USA on recent mass shootings

Alexandria, Va. (August 6, 2019)—We grieve the senseless loss of life as a result of the recent mass shootings in Gilroy, El Paso and Dayton. Hate and violence have no place in our society. It is abhorrent that some victims were targeted simply because they were perceived to be immigrants. As an organization committed to helping vulnerable people, Catholic Charities USA stands in solidarity with others committed to overcoming painful divisions that lead to such disregard for human life.

We join other leaders and people of good will in calling our elected officials to take immediate action to address the scourge of gun violence and xenophobia. We pray for the victims and their families, for the first responders and for healing in our suffering communities.

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