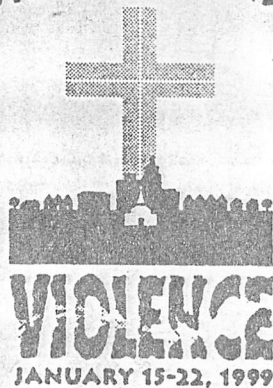


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The National Catholic Anti-Violence Working Group has designated January 15-22, 1999 as "Stand Against Violence" week. We are all invited to use this initiative as an opportunity to respond to the Bishops' call to confront our culture of violence.

**Three quotes from the 1994 U.S. Bishops' document *Confronting a Culture of Violence*:**

"Increasingly, our society looks to violent measures to deal with some of our most difficult social problems - - millions of abortions to address problem pregnancies, advocacy for euthanasia and assisted suicide to cope with the burdens of age and illness, and increased reliance on the death penalty to deal with crime...Violence is not the solution; it is the most clear sign of our failures...We cannot teach killing is wrong by killing."

"Not all violence is deadly. It begins with anger, intolerance, impatience, unfair judgments and aggression. It is often reflected in our language, our entertainment, our driving, our competitive behavior, and the way we treat our environment. These acts and attitudes are not the same as abusive behavior or physical attacks, but they create a climate where violence prospers and peace suffers."

"The Catholic community is in a position to respond to violence and the threat of violence in our society with new commitment and creativity. Our faith and facilities can be beacons of hope and safety for those seeking refuge from violent streets and abusive homes. People can become peacemakers in their homes and communities...We can incorporate ways to handle family conflict in our religious education and sacramental programs. We can work for public policies that confront violence, build community and promote responsibility."

To order "Confronting a Culture of Violence," call the United States Catholic Conference at 800-235-8722. The document cost \$1.95, plus tax.

Violence is the last refuge of the incompetent.  
-Isaac Asimov