

"Recognizing the escalation of violence in our world, and especially its impact on women and children, we choose to act with diligence in the pursuit of peace and non-violence."

- IHM Chapter 2000 Directions

IHM Monthly Mobilization to Address Gun Violence

As part of this month's IHM Monthly Mobilization to Prevent Gun Violence, the IHM Justice, Peace and Sustainability Office will host two special screenings of the new film, Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA. The first screening will take place TODAY Thursday, May 5, from 6-7:30 p.m. in Detroit at Marygrove College in the Green and Gold Room. The second screening will take place on Thursday, May 12, from 6-8 p.m. in Monroe in the IHM Motherhouse Maxis Community Room. Excerpts from the film will be shown followed by discussion and an opportunity for action. Download the Detroit or Monroe flyer.

Even if you cannot join us for the film, we ask that you join us in action this month by sending a message to your members of Congress urging them to support three key pieces of legislation: the Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act (H.R. 4399), the Protecting Domestic Violence and Stalking Victims Act (H.R. 3130, S. 1520), and the Background Check Completion Act (H.R. 3051, S 2213). Here's what to do:

- 1. Click <u>here</u> to look up your representative using your ZIP Code. Click on the envelope logo to be directed to her or his contact page.
 - If you live in Monroe your representative is <u>Tim Walberg</u>.
- 2. Click here to look up your United State senators by state. Click on the "Contact" link to be directed to her or his contact page.
 - If you live in in Michigan, your senators are <u>Debbie Stabenow</u> and <u>Gary Peters</u>.
- 3. Click here for sample text for your message.
- 4. Write or copy and paste your text into the message.
- 5. Send a message to your representative and both of your senators.
- 6. If you need assistance with sending your messages, email jpso@ihmsisters.org, or call Sarah Nash at 734-240-9691 or Elizabeth Walters, IHM, at 313-204-6350.

As always, please let us know that you took action! Email us at ipso@ihmsisters.org, so that we can tally this month's efforts. Please share this announcement with family and friends.

Did You Know...? Thursday, June 2, is national gun violence awareness day. Go to www.wearorange.org to learn more and make plans to wear orange that day.



You may find the IHM Justice, Peace and Sustainability Office's Web materials useful for your committee work, presentations, mission units, ministry and other educational purposes. Be sure check out our regularly updated online resources <u>HERE</u>.