

"Politics is one of the highest forms of love, because it is in the service of the common good."

- Pope Francis

IHM Monthly Mobilization to Address Gun Violence: Elections – Part Two

With less than two months until the election, this month's IHM Monthly Mobilization to Address Gun Violence once again focuses on the positions of the candidates on issues related to gun violence in the United States.

This month we compare the two candidates running for Michigan's 7th Congressional District (of which Monroe is a part), the incumbent Rep. Tim Walberg and State Rep. Gretchen Driscoll. Click <u>here</u> for a brief summary of where each candidate stands.

If you do not live in Michigan's 7th Congressional District and want to research the candidates on your own, go to <u>On the Issues: The House</u> or <u>On the Issues: The Senate</u>. Click on your state, click on your member of Congress and then scroll down to the issue "gun control." Another good site is **Ballotpedia**.

The issue of gun violence is just one of many important issues that should be carefully considered when voting. Be sure to check out the <u>2016 Elections Page</u> for additional resources that will help you navigate the political landscape in the coming weeks.

Did You Know ...? Last spring, <u>a historic statement</u> from the Nonviolence and Just Peace Conference in Rome was issued by Pax Christi International, Maryknoll and 80 other organizations. Pax Christi Metro D.C. will run a full-page ad in support of the statement in the *National Catholic Reporter* shortly before the United States Bishops' annual meeting in November, along with the signatures of hundreds of supportive individuals and groups. The IHM Leadership Council has endorsed the ad. Go to the IHM <u>Taking Action Page</u> and scroll down to the "IHM Leadership Endorsements" section to read more.



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