

## Prolife Includes Reasonable Gun Laws

Brothers & Sisters,

Continuing from my last article on Pro-Birth is only one part of Prolife, I would like to discuss our Church's teaching on gun laws/gun control. Yes, gun laws and gun control are part of Our Church's teaching on Prolife. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states, writes, advocates, and teaches that reasonable gun laws is a Prolife issue. This is not debatable with me, as I am a Prolife educated Catholic.

I know that many are not happy with the all encumbering Prolife stance of Our Church, and like to pick which part of Prolife it believes is the most important. However, we should not be "Cafeteria Catholics" on the Prolife teaching of our Church.

Hopefully, we as Catholics can agree that reasonable gun control, as lobbied by the USCCB is needed in this country. This includes a total ban on assault weapons, universal background checks for all gun purchases, limitations on civilian access to high-capacity weapon and ammunition magazines, federal law to criminalize gun trafficking, improved access to resources for mental health and earlier intervention, regulations and limitations on the purchase of handguns, and making guns safer with the use of locks, etc.

We should be spending our time and energy on gun laws in this Country as requested by our Church's leaders. With this issue being included on all our Prolife literature, we are educating our members and our countrymen that we believe all lives are sacred, born and unborn, and we want to make guns safer for yourselves and our neighbors. While suicide accounts for a greater percentage of gun deaths than homicide, it falls back on the Prolife issues of mental health and reasonable gun laws. Let us do our part. Together we are Stronger!

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