

**STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE
SHOOTING MASSICRE IN LAS VEGAS
October 7, 2017**

Our entire country is stunned and saddened after the senseless and evil mass killings in Las Vegas last weekend. It was the act of one man but it reflects an atmosphere of anger and contentiousness at loose in our society that threatens to tear us apart.

We pray for the souls of those killed, the recovery of the wounded and consolation of the bereaved. We should also reflect on what we can do personally and as a community to reduce this rancor, curb the violence and build bridges of trust. In some measure we share in corporate sin if we do nothing.

Changing the malaise that infects our public polity cannot happen overnight. Like a ship it will take some time to correct or course but all of us must take little steps, reflect on how our discourse will affect others, model appropriate behavior for our children and pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire us to be more humane to one another.

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