



Statement from ICNY on the mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton

We grieve with the families and friends of the 29 people murdered in mass shootings this past weekend.

We join with people around the world who look at our country from the outside and ask how many people need to die before our elected officials [pass common sense gun-laws](#), our web security businesses and platforms stop protecting online cesspools where White nationalist terror breeds, and [President Trump and those in his administration stop inciting deadly hatred](#). The El Paso assailant's racist manifesto citing fears of a "[Hispanic invasion](#)" echoes the rhetoric and policy rationales originating from the highest levels of government.

A statement put out before this weekend by the National Cathedral evoked the question posed by U.S. Army attorney Welch to Senator McCarthy, "have you no decency?" and turned it on not just Trump and his vitriolic screeds but by all of us who stand by and listen:

"These words are more than a 'dog-whistle.' When such violent dehumanizing words come from the President of the United States, they are a clarion call, and give cover, to white supremacists who consider people of color a sub-human 'infestation' in America. They serve as a call to action from those people to keep America great by ridding it of such infestation. Violent words lead to violent actions. When does silence become complicity? What will it take for us all to say, with one voice, that we have had enough? The question is less about the president's sense of decency, but of ours." Read more: <https://cathedral.org/have-we-no-decency-a-response-to-president-trump.html>

Please join us today at:

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, Norman Siegel,
New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, Youth Over Guns, Clergy & other elected leaders
invite you to join in a

CANDLELIGHT

Vigil

FOR MASS SHOOTINGS

Dayton | El Paso | Gilroy | Brownsville

MONDAY,
AUGUST 5, 2019
AT 7:00PM

Grand Army Plaza, Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY, 11238

