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Sisters of the Precious Blood Sponsor Billboard to End Gun Violence

Trotwood, Ohio –The Sisters of the Precious Blood, guided by their Catholic faith, are committed to promoting a culture that values life, peace, and the inherent dignity of every person. In collaboration with other Ohio Catholic religious congregations, they are sponsoring a billboard campaign in Dayton to raise awareness about gun violence and advocate for peace.

The billboard, displaying the message "Put the Guns Down! Nobody is Winning. Let Peace Begin with Me," will be visible on Interstate 75 in Moraine, Ohio, facing south to reach northbound traffic. The message will be displayed from June 2 to June 29, 2024.

This initiative comes at a critical time when the United States is experiencing an epidemic of gun violence. According to Everytown Research and Policy, an average of 120 people are killed and 200 are injured by firearms each day (as of February 13, 2023). Additionally, the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence reports that firearms have become the leading cause of death for children and teens in the United States (as of January 11, 2024).

The Sisters of the Precious Blood believe that inaction is not an option. Their billboard campaign is a step toward raising awareness and encouraging action to address gun violence. They invite the community to join them in confronting this culture of violence with love and peace.

For those who wish to take further action, prayers to end gun violence and sample letters to the editor and letters to legislators are available on the Congregation's website: www.preciousbloodsistersdayton.org/advocacy-and-justice/gun-violence/Together, we can work to prevent more tragedies and create a safer world for everyone.

Founded in Switzerland in 1834 by Maria Anna Brunner, the Sisters of the Precious Blood are an active apostolic congregation devoted to Eucharistic prayer and motivated by the redeeming love of Jesus. Empowered by Eucharist, they minister where the needs of the time call them. Their Sisters minister in the United States, Chile and Guatemala. They rely on the special gifts and talents of each Sisters to advocate for justice; provide voices for the unheard, hope to the hopeless, and light to those living in darkness.

