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We pray for peace and nonviolence

As we begin 2020 faced with the United States' targeted killing of Qasem Soleimani of Iran, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet are praying for peace and nonviolence, and we remain committed to promoting it in every way we can. The precipitating actions are complex, yet we fear escalating violence leads to more violence and indescribable suffering for our dear neighbors without distinction.

Pope Francis, in his 2020 World Day of Peace Message, shared that peace is "the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family." Our entire community is committed to Catholic social principles of peace and active nonviolence as a way of life. We turn to the God of peace and compassion to give us the strength and wisdom needed to be instruments for change and messengers of unity and reconciliation.

We invite all people of good will to contact their elected members of Congress to promote peace-building efforts with Iran and not an escalation towards war. We must join together in seeking ways to promote peace, to build a culture of nonviolence that begins with each and every one of us, and to pray together for peace and nonviolence especially at this time.

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