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## MCAULEY STUDENTS PLEDGE AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

Students at Mother McAuley took part in the Day of National Concern on October 21 by signing a non-violence pledge banner. Sponsored by McAuley's Counseling Department, the Day of Concern observance included the pledge banner; pledge stickers that proclaimed, "Sign it, Mean it, Live it, Keep it;" and an all-school prayer to end violence.



*McAuley juniors (left to right) Veronica Smith of Mt. Greenwood, Adebola Adeyemo of Calumet Heights, Elizabeth Echevarria-Jones of Ashburn, Kyra Mitchell of Pullman, Tammy Rabadi of Oak Lawn and Krystal Rodriguez of Ashburn sign the non-violence pledge banner on the Day of National Concern.*

The Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence movement began in 1996 and since then more than 10 million students nationwide have signed the Pledge. The Student Pledge Against Gun Violence Campaign is a national program that asks young people to become involved in the fight against gun violence in schools. The pledge states, "I will never bring a gun to school; I will never use a gun

to settle a personal problem or dispute; I will use my influence with my friends to keep them from using guns to settle disputes. My individual choices and actions, when multiplied by those of young people throughout the country, will make a difference. Together, by honoring this pledge, we can reverse the violence and grow up in safety.”

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