



**Sisters of Bon Secours USA
Statement on the Tragedy at the Tree of Life Synagogue**

October 29, 2018

As Women of Compassion, the Sisters of Bon Secours mourn the loss of life, the pain of trauma, and the agonizing violence inflicted on our Jewish brothers and sisters as they worshipped at the Tree of Life Synagogue on October 27, 2018.

As Women of Healing, we hold fast to the belief that the power of love is stronger than the power of hate. In this spirit of love we commit ourselves to actively promote a culture of gospel non-violence in our own lives and to bring a healing presence in those divisive situations in which we find ourselves.

As Sisters of Bon Secours, we hold the eleven victims of this horrific anti-Semitic tragedy in our thoughts and prayers and we hold ourselves accountable to do what we can to end violence in all its forms. Strong in this commitment, we stand in solidarity with all those who continue to press Congress to enact legislation on gun safety and with those who advocate for support services needed by those who suffer from emotional, psychological and mental health challenges.

We hold fast to the hope that our collective voice for an end to violence in all forms will bring forth a liberating culture of peace on this planet God so loves.