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Statement of Bishop Daniel E. Thomas Regarding The Senseless Violence in El Paso and Dayton

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God” (Lk 12:20-21). With this Sunday’s gospel still fresh in our minds, and in the face of the senseless mass murders and raw violence against human life in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio, we pray that we all might commit ourselves to be rich in what matters to God!

I join my fellow bishops (<http://www.usccb.org/news/index.cfm>) in advocating for responsible gun laws and for the President and Congress to set aside their political interests and differences to find ways to better protect innocent life.

May those who died find eternal peace, may the wounded be healed, and may the Lord bring comfort to all their families, communities and the whole nation. Be rich in what matters to God!

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