

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JULY 30, 2012

Dear Parishioners:

I am so saddened but not surprised by some people's response to the Colorado shootings. Saddened by those talking Death Penalty and others running out to purchase guns. Wait, please, patience, reflect for a few moments. Violence breeds violence! The Death Penalty is societal homicide according to the death certificate of the criminal. Using a gun for self-defense might appear to be the way to go, but reflect on what shooting a gun at a human being does to the shooter. And it is not so neat and clean as in the movies. If only Jesus were a more fervent reflection in people's minds and hearts!

Oh yes, praise God, one victim of the Colorado shootings said they forgive the shooter. Alleluia! To reflect on Jesus is to put the guns down, let go of the Death Penalty and soak in Jesus' mercy and forgiveness. Of course the shooter needs to be put in prison and kept there. But thinking that further violence is the way of Christ is missing His Gospel message.

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Terry