

# ACTION ALERT

Office of Peace, Justice and Ecological Integrity  
Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

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## **ISSUE: Escalating Tensions with Iran**

As Sisters of Charity/Seton Associates, we are called to take seriously and act upon the words of the 2020 World Day of Peace Message of Pope Francis:

We cannot claim to maintain stability in the world through the fear of annihilation, in a volatile situation, suspended on the brink of a nuclear abyss and enclosed behind walls of indifference. As a result, social and economic decisions are being made that lead to tragic situations where human beings and creation itself are discarded rather than protected and preserved.[3] How, then, do we undertake a journey of peace and mutual respect? How do we break the unhealthy mentality of threats and fear? How do we break the current dynamic of distrust?

We need to pursue a genuine fraternity based on our common origin from God and exercised in dialogue and mutual trust. The desire for peace lies deep within the human heart, and we should not resign ourselves to seeking anything less than this.

## **ACTION: Call your Senators and Representative:**

Call the Capitol switchboard and ask to speak to your elected officials: 202-224-3121.

**Suggested Message:** “As a person of faith/Sister of Charity/Seton Associate, I want no war with Iran. Support diplomacy and efforts to de-escalate the conflict

## **PRAYER:**

Read prayerfully the 2020 World Day of Peace Message of Pope Francis:

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco\\_20191208\\_messaggio-53giornatamondiale-pace2020.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20191208_messaggio-53giornatamondiale-pace2020.html)