

All of this points up what can be accomplished through a unity of purpose, and it also illustrates that you can't obtain an important new industry merely by extending an invitation.

Mr. Firestone, we welcome your company to Maryland and we hope you will enjoy many happy and prosperous years here.

LETTER ON CRIME AND SOCIAL CONCERN

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Reverend Roy E. Carnahan
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Dear Mr. Carnahan:

Thank you for your invitation to attend a service during the April 9-16 period when you will be emphasizing the church's spiritual ministry as a deterrent to crime. Unfortunately, my schedule will not permit my personal attendance, but I would like to commend you and the congregation of The First Church of the Nazarene the attention you are giving to this grave social problem of our day.

Crime and lawlessness on the streets are indeed a matter for Christian social concern. The strongest laws we can pass and the strongest police protection we can muster will not solve this problem without an accompanying improvement of the moral fiber in our society.

It is in the home and in the church and in the school that we form our ideas of right and wrong, and where we learn to live by the Golden Rule or the rule of disregard for our fellowman. The church can be an extremely important instrument in shaping our lives, whatever the environment may be at home.

By teaching and practicing and witnessing to the Christian ethic we can influence the lives and behavior of those around us.

I join you in your prayers for a meaningful solution to this problem, and to others that prevent our society from being what we know it can and ought to be.