Thank you for joining us today and engaging in dialogue about how we can transform our criminal justice system into one of restoration and healing.

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# Redemption and Restoration Conference
April 25, 2018

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Speakers

Karen Clifton
Karen Clifton is the Executive Director of Catholic Mobilizing Network. An organizer and advocate since 1990, Karen began her work against the death penalty in 1996 in Houston, Texas when her social justice work intersected with that of Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ. In 2008, Karen spearheaded the formation of the Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN). In addition to her work at CMN, Karen is the DC Coordinator for the Ignatian Spirituality Project, a restorative justice program. Karen holds a Masters of Divinity from the University of St. Thomas, St. Mary’s School of Theology.

Dr. Trudy Conway
Dr. Trudy Conway has recently retired from her position as Professor of Philosophy at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland; prior to that position, she taught at Shiraz University in Iran. Her Ph.D. is from Fordham University. She has published four books, Wittgenstein on Foundations (1989), Where Justice and Mercy Meet (editor, 2013) and Intercultural Dialogue on the Virtues (2014), Redemption and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Restorative Justice (editor, 2017) and a range of papers on contemporary philosophy and ethical issues.

Joe Cotton
Joe Cotton is currently the Director of Pastoral Care and Outreach for the Archdiocese of Seattle. Joe has been a professional lay ecclesial minister for over 18 years, serving as a parish youth minister, social worker, international missioner, and juvenile detention chaplain. Joe holds a Master’s Degree in Pastoral Studies from Seattle University’s School of Theology and Ministry. Joe is also a part of the Archdiocese of Seattle’s Criminal Justice Ministry team.

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Matt Cuff
Matt Cuff is the senior policy advisor of the of the Office of Justice and Ecology of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States. In his role, Cuff engages in advocacy on social justice issues including poverty, racism, criminal justice and juvenile justice. In addition, he works with U.S. and Canadian Jesuit institutions as they seek to advance the social justice mission of the Society of Jesus.

Most Reverend Bishop Frank J. Dewane
Most Reverend Bishop Frank J. Dewane serves as the spiritual leader of more than 250,000 Catholics as the Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. Bishop Dewane has served and currently sits on a number of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ boards and committees, including The National Advisory Council; the Committee on International Justice and Peace; Chairman of the Committee for Domestic Justice and Human Development; the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage; and Board of Directors for Catholic Relief Services.

Dr. Linda Pitt-Donaldson
Linda Pitt-Donaldson, M.S.W., Ph.D. is an Associate Professor at The Catholic University of America, The National Catholic School of Social Service. Prior to teaching at NCSSS, Dr. Donaldson worked for ten years in a community-based homeless services agency in Washington, D.C, providing direct service, directing programs in advocacy, social justice, family services, and developing affordable housing. Dr. Donaldson is the Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought.

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Bill Gaertner

Bill Gaertner is at work on two sides of restorative justice in Maryland. Gaertner is the founder and leader of Gatekeepers in Washington County, Maryland a program that helps ex-offenders transition back into their communities after serving time in prison. This year, Gaertner was enrolled as an oblate novice at the Benedictine community of St. Anselm’s Abbey in Washington, D.C., and serves on the board of directors of Horizon Goodwill and The W House of Hagerstown.

Justice Janine Geske

Janine Geske served as a justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court from 1993–1998. From 1998–2013, she was a distinguished professor of law at Marquette University Law School, where she founded and directed the school’s Restorative Justice Initiative. After earning her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Beloit College in 1971 and her law degree from Marquette in 1975, Geske became the chief staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, where she worked until 1979. Beginning in 1981, Geske served in the Milwaukee County circuit court for 12 years. In 2002, she served as the interim county executive for Milwaukee County, and as interim dean of the Marquette Law School.

Caitlin Morneau

Caitlin Morneau is the Director of Restorative Justice at Catholic Mobilizing Network. Following early formation in immersive Catholic service experiences, she worked for change in her communities through direct social services, programmatic and operational capacities at agencies such as Catholic Charities of Baltimore, Catholic Volunteer Network, Youth Service Opportunities Project and Smith Center for Healing and the Arts. Caitlin is currently an MA Candidate in Conflict Transformation at Eastern Mennonite University.

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Michael O'Rourke

Michael O’Rourke is the Policy Advisor for the Office of Social Development at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Mr. O’Rourke previously practiced law at a firm in Washington, DC, where he focused on white-collar criminal defense, Congressional investigations, and commercial litigation. Before private practice, Mr. O’Rourke clerked for Judge Lynn Leibovitz at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He received his J.D. from Georgetown Law Center and his B.A. from Harvard University.

Vicki Schieber

Vicki Schieber is co-founder of Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights, Catholic Mobilizing Network speaker. Vicki, daughter, Shannon, was raped and murdered on May 7, 1998, while finishing her first year of graduate school on a full scholarship at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Since this tragic incident, Vicki and her husband, Sylvester, have dedicated their career and lives to a moratorium on the death penalty. Vicki served on the 2008 Maryland Commission on Capital Punishment. Vicki is also a co-editor of Where Justice and Mercy Meet: Catholic Opposition to the Death Penalty (2013), and Redemption and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Restorative Justice (2017).

Dr. Kathryn Getek Soltis

Kathryn Getek Soltis is director of the Center for Peace and Justice Education and assistant professor of Christian Ethics in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University. She received her Ph.D. in Theological Ethics from Boston College after earning both a License in Sacred Theology and a Masters in Theological Studies from Weston Jesuit School of Theology. Her academic research focuses on issues of justice and punishment, mass incarceration, family ethics, and Catholic Social Teaching. Kathryn was the lay Catholic chaplain for several years in a house of correction in Boston and currently leads communion services in the Philadelphia Prison System.

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Monsignor Stuart Swetland

Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland, S.T.D., currently serves as the seventh President of Donnelly College in Kansas City, KS, where he is also Professor of Leadership and Christian Ethics. He has a B.A. and M.A. from Oxford; an M.Div. and M.A. from Mount St. Mary’s Seminary; and his S.T.L. and S.T.D. from the Pontifical Lateran University having studied at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, DC. Msgr. Swetland was named a Prelate of Honor in 2000 by Saint John Paul II and is a Knight Commander for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre and a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. Msgr. Swetland hosts the television show Catholicism on Campus on EWTN and Go Ask Your Father on Relevant Radio.

Fr. George Williams S.J.

George Williams, SJ entered the Society Of Jesus in 1987, and during his first year as a novice he felt called to work in prison ministry, so when he returned to Boston he went to volunteer at the Boston City Jail and was immediately hired as their Catholic Chaplain. He got an MSW from Boston College and then went on to graduate theology studies at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology (now Boston College School of Theology and Ministry), in Cambridge, Mass., where he received his M.Div. and a MA in Spiritual Direction in 2004, the same year he was ordained to the priesthood. After 5 years working in the MA state prison system, he was offered the Chaplaincy at San Quentin State Prison in CA, where he has worked since 2011.

Dr. Tim Wolfe

Timothy W. Wolfe is a professor of sociology and criminal justice at Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland and is co-author of Redemption and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Restorative Justice (2017). He teaches a wide variety of sociology, criminal justice, and human services courses. His research and writing focus on race and the criminal justice system, as well as the sociology of black music. He is an activist and professional musician.

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In this time when it is challenging to talk about difficult issues, and broken systems have rippling effects in our communities and families, as Catholics, we need to come together and find a different approach.

The book develops the traditional Catholic understanding of justice, offers a theological understanding of restorative justice, explains how it can be implemented and reflects on the practical arguments for restorative justice. Grounded in the stories of real people, Redemption and Restoration helps readers gain a deeper understanding of how this affects us all as a country and a church. It includes discussion questions to engage groups in exploring issues related to restorative justice.

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We must stand with our brothers and sisters who know the deep wounds of crime and incarceration and who, too often, are disregarded and forgotten in our society. Restorative justice shows us a path toward true kinship and this book offers great wisdom for how the Church can be a beacon for reconciliation, healing, and hope in a hurting world.” Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, Founder and Director of Homeboy Industries
Thank you to everyone who made this day possible: Harry Dudley and Michael O'Rourke at the USCCB, Fr. Richard A. Dechaies S.J. and the American Catholic Corrections Ministries, Dr. Linda Pitt-Donaldson, the National Catholic School of Social Service, the Catholic University of America, and all of our speakers and panelists.

Catholic Mobilizing Network is a national organization working in close collaboration with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and living the mission of the Congregation of St. Joseph. Through education, advocacy, and prayer, Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN) proclaims the Church’s pro-life teaching and prepares Catholics for informed involvement in the public debate to end the death penalty and promote restorative justice.
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