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-Saint John Paul II Papal Mass, St. Louis, Missouri

2011

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-Pope Benedict XVI, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Africae Munus

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ENDING THE DEATH PENALTY
PROMOTING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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REPAIRING OUR BROKEN SYSTEM

ROOT CAUSES OF CRIME:
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of education
- Lack of mental health services
- Experiences of trauma
- Unemployment

The death penalty violates human dignity and does not reduce crime.

Restorative justice offers hope and healing while working to address root causes of crime and incarceration.

88%

Criminologists who say the death penalty is not an effective deterrent to crime*


Restorative justice involves victims, offenders, and communities in addressing the many impacts of crime.

It can take various forms in the criminal legal system.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN ACTION

Victim support and involvement in criminal proceedings

Sentencing that honors the whole person and provides an opportunity for transformation

Laws and programs that promote full participation of those formerly incarcerated in society