"The Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that 'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person', and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide." (Catholic Catechism 2267)
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.

90% of criminologists 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 justice 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