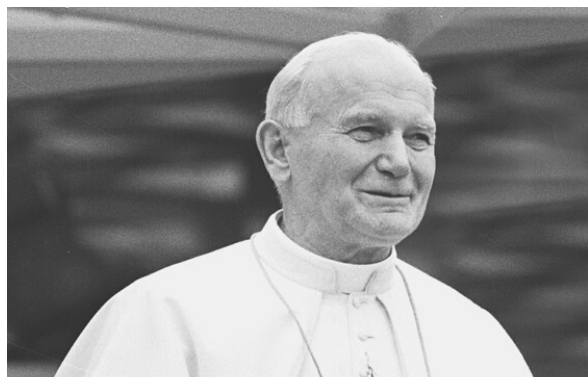


STANDING FOR LIFE

Our Catholic Faith and the Death Penalty



1999

"I renew the appeal... for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary."

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



2011

"I draw the attention of society's leaders to the need to make every effort to eliminate the death penalty"

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

2018: CATECHISM REVISED

"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*)



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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

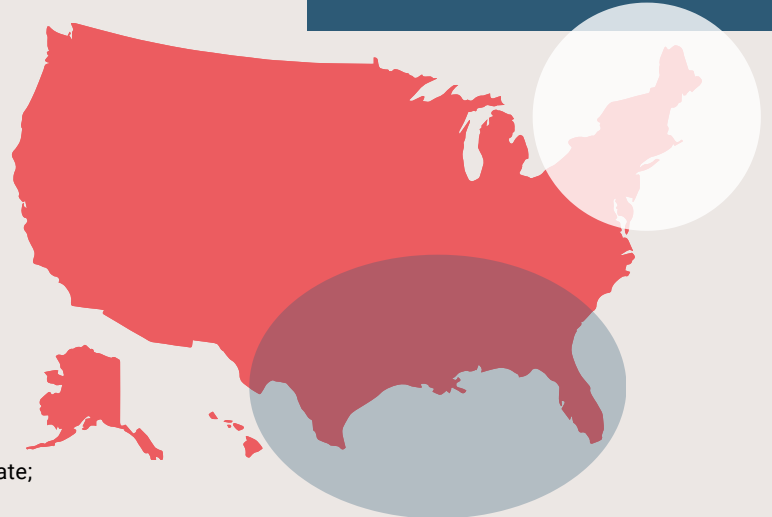
The death penalty violates human dignity and does not reduce crime.

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*

*Radelet, M. L., & Lacock, T. L. (2009). Do Executions Lower Homicide Rates?: The Views of Leading Criminologists



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