



**CATHOLIC
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NETWORK**

END THE DEATH PENALTY • ADVANCE JUSTICE • BEGIN HEALING

Easter 2025

Brother Bishop,

May the God who affirms life in the Resurrection of Christ be with you this joyful Easter season. **Especially during this Jubilee Year, on this journey of hope, we find ourselves again invited to reflect on the Church's unwavering pro-life commitment, including its work to end capital punishment.**

Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN) was founded in 2009 to advance the USCCB's *Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty*. Over the last 15 years, CMN has led our Church's ministry to end the death penalty, to advance justice solutions in alignment with Catholic values, and to promote healing through restorative justice approaches and practices. CMN's prayer, education and advocacy programming creates the space to encounter those impacted by harm, and model paths where healing and transformation might be possible.

Since the 2018 revision to the Catechism (CCC 2267) that called the death penalty "inadmissible," six new states have officially halted executions. CMN played an integral part in each of these positive developments, and most recently, catalyzed the campaign to encourage President Biden to commute dozens of federal death sentences before leaving office. The enclosed document includes more information about CMN's collaboration with the USCCB, achievements, and recent activities.

Today, we write to invite you to support CMN's important pro-life ministry. CMN receives no other institutional funding from the Church, so its yearly appeal to the U.S. bishops is critical to continuing its essential mission. In the spirit of Jubilee, this year, we have set a **goal of \$90,000 from at least 100 bishops**. May your support for CMN bear fruit in building up a culture of life.

Let us join the Holy Father "...in demanding dignified conditions for those in prison, respect for their human rights and above all the abolition of the death penalty, a provision at odds with Christian faith and one that eliminates all hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation." ("Hope Does Not Disappoint", Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025)

Together, we can uphold the dignity of all life.

Fraternally In Christ,

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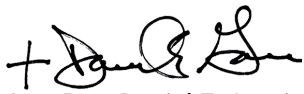
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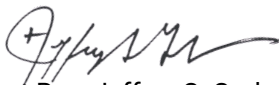
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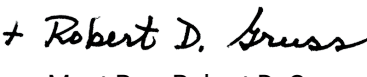
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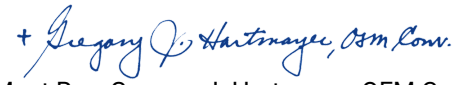
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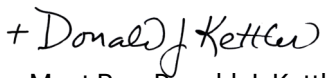
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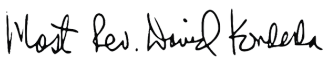
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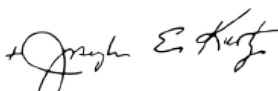
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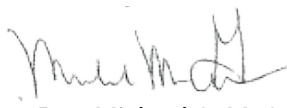
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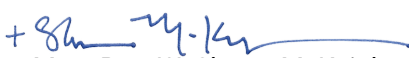
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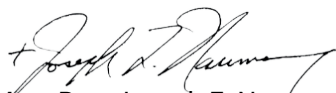
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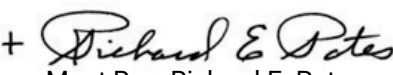
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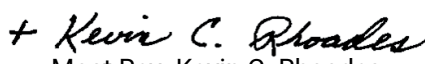
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A YEAR OF IMPACT

March 2024 - March 2025



Giving Thanks for Historic Federal Commutations

This past year, Catholic Mobilizing Network engaged in a high-level national strategy campaign urging President Joe Biden to commute the federal death row before leaving office. With support from all corners of the Church, there were several key milestones along the successful commutation journey. In March, renowned anti-death penalty lawyer Bryan Stevenson briefed six bishops traveling with CMN and the USCCB to Montgomery, Alabama. In June, CMN met with leaders from the Vatican Secretariat of State, Dicastery for Integral Human Development, and Sant'Egidio Community in Rome. In October, CMN initiated a national campaign garnering wide media attention and national support. Throughout the fall, CMN facilitated private outreach by death penalty impacted messengers directly with White House officials. In late November, Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy hand delivered a letter about federal commutations to Pope Francis. On Dec. 8, the Holy Father prayed for death row commutations in the United States during his Sunday Angelus. The USCCB and the Vatican urged the White House to issue federal commutations. **And on Dec. 23, on the eve of the Jubilee Year, the White House announced its historic decision to commute 37 federal death sentences. Praise God!**



Justice Reimagined

CMN celebrated its 15th anniversary with the **Justice Reimagined Awards & Celebration** hosted at the Apostolic Nunciature of the Holy See. Cardinal Christophe Pierre welcomed the crowd with greetings from the Holy Father, and Archbishop Borys Gudziak shared words of gratitude and encouragement.



First Friday Virtual Prayer Vigils

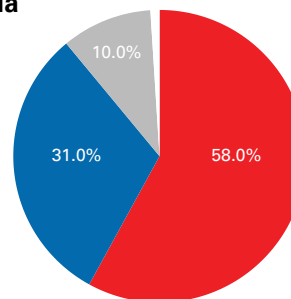
CMN is blessed with consistent participation from bishops at its monthly **First Friday Prayer Vigils**. This year, Bishop Mark Brennan, Archbishop Thomas Zinkula, and Cardinal Joseph Tobin provided Scripture Reflections.

Bishops Experience in Montgomery & Selma, AL

In partnership with the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, **CMN facilitated an experience in Alabama in March 2024 for six bishops** and USCCB staff members, to confront the history of racial terror and resilience in the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement.

Media Coverage

The past year generated an **all-time high for CMN's earned media** in religious and secular outlets, including top-tier publications.



FY24 Financials

[Click here to view the FY24 Impact Report.](#)

● Individual Gifts (\$627,841.30)
● Grants (\$335,796.00)
● Events (\$108,331.09)
● Other (\$10,850.05)

Special gratitude to CMN's Episcopal Advisor, Bishop Daniel Flores, for his guidance and accompaniment.

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2025 BISHOPS' EASTER APPEAL

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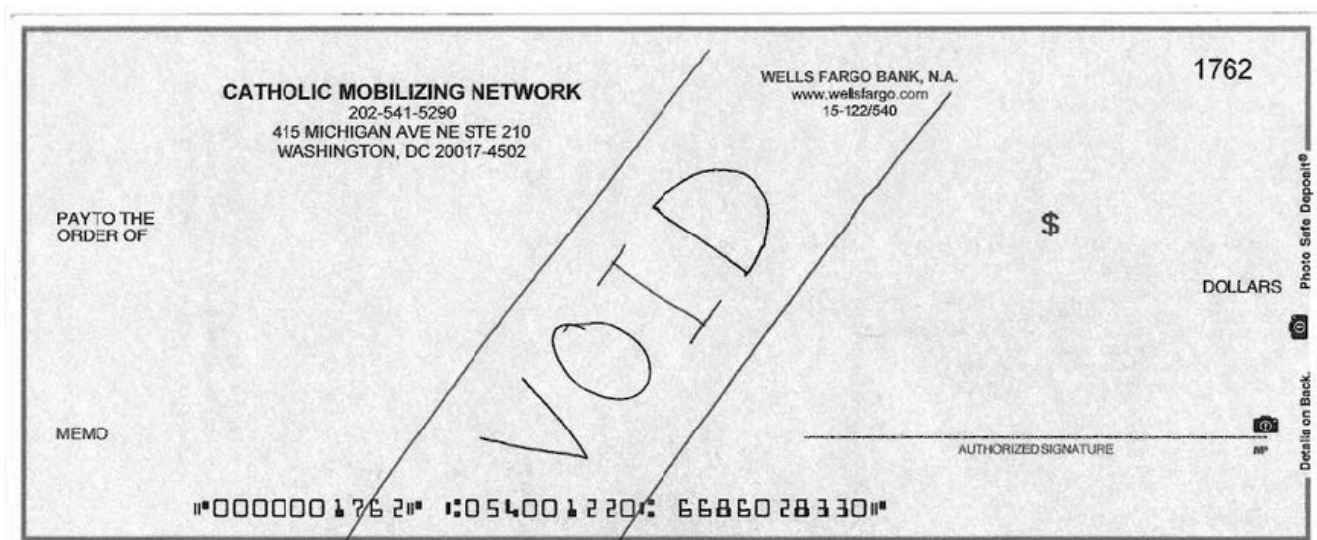
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