

Catholics Against Capital Punishment

Catholics Against Capital Punishment was founded in 1992 to promote greater awareness of Catholic Church teachings that characterize capital punishment as unnecessary, inappropriate and unacceptable in today's world. It does this in the following ways:

- By disseminating news of Catholic-oriented anti-death penalty efforts through its newsletter, CACP News Notes, and this website.
- By communicating the Church's teachings on the issue to federal and state lawmakers, especially those who are Catholic, urging them to resist proposed legislation imposing or extending the use of the death penalty, and to work for repeal of such laws currently on the books.
- By encouraging members of the Catholic hierarchy, clergy and religious groups to speak out more forcefully against capital punishment.

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The Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty

Welcome to the Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty. Within our website, you will find everything you need to know about the Catholic Church's involvement in ending the use of the death penalty.

While the U.S. Catholic bishops have been calling for an end to the use of the death penalty for 25 years, this new Campaign was launched in March of 2005. The first comprehensive U.S. Catholic bishops' statement on the topic was issued in 1980. In this campaign, the bishops renew their call in order to seize a new moment and a new momentum. This is a time to teach clearly, encourage reflection, and call for common action in the Catholic community. To that end, the bishops have written a new pastoral statement that will clarify Church teaching and assist the numerous individual bishops and state Catholic conferences that have issued similar calls to end the use of the death penalty

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