



Seizing the Momentum

Fall 2012

Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

Sister Helen Prejean Speaks to Full House in Austin

Sister Helen Prejean, the internationally known speaker and author of *Dead Man Walking*, addressed a crowd of 300 at St. Edward's University on Friday evening, October 12, as part of "Faithful Considerations: A Discussion with Sister Helen Prejean and Austin Faith Leaders". Sister Helen was fresh from a trip crisscrossing California, speaking in churches to encourage voting for Proposition 34 to repeal the death penalty on the November ballot.

"Faithful Considerations" was the third such discussion hosted by TCADP (Houston, 2011; San Antonio, 2011), with a fourth one being planned for Dallas on December 4 at Paul Quinn College. The discussions have featured clergy and denominational leaders sharing their perspectives on the death penalty and encouraging people of faith to stand up and speak out.



Sister Helen Prejean, picture by Mo McMorro

The Austin event featured a conversation between Sister Helen Prejean, Dr. John Elford, senior pastor of University United Methodist Church, and Pastor Nestor Menjivar, pastor of Principe de Paz Baptist Church. Dr. Elford was asked to be a part of the conversation due to his leadership and experience in tackling difficult issues while senior pastor at University UMC: "My fervent hope is that dialogue among Christians and practitioners of other religions will help us recover our voice as a people committed to peace and non-violence." Pastor Menjivar has a long history of being involved in social justice issues and serving on the Board of the General Baptist Convention and Christian Life Commission. "I believe pastors and other religious leaders need to fully understand their God-given obligation and responsibility to teach God's great mercy, which he calls us to show to others, especially those considered the least deserving," he told TCADP.

Both Dr. Elford and Pastor Menjivar shared that clergy can have a tendency to avoid difficult issues as they shepherd their diverse congregations, but they have also learned that people seem to hunger for that direction and real application of their faith to the world around them.

The discussion was sponsored by Catholic Mobilizing Network, Congregational Church of Austin, Diocese of Austin Office of Pro-life Activities and Chaste Living, General Board of Church and Society United Methodist Church, Methodist Federation of Social Action—Southwest Texas Chapter, Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation, St. Edward's University, Liz and Duff Stewart, Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, and the Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy. Tremendous thanks are also owed to Liza Manjarez, Mo McMorro, Herb and Angela Diener, and Rev. Richard Bates. *Links to video and pictures can be found at tcadp.org/what-we-do/religious-outreach/. Read tweets from the event #SrHelen.*

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From the Executive Director

Dear TCADP Members and Supporters,

In the weeks leading up to our recent event with Sister Helen Prejean in Austin, I found myself reflecting on my memories of hearing her speak for the first time and, before that, watching the film “Dead Man Walking” when it first appeared in movie theaters in late 1995/early 1996. At the time, I was a student at the University of Kentucky and went to a showing in Lexington. I remember sitting in the theater in stunned silence, emotionally drained and with a tear-streaked face, long after the credits had rolled and the lights had come up.



“Dead Man Walking” was a flashpoint in my own awakening on the death penalty issue. I had been involved with Amnesty International for a couple of years by that point and had read about terrible cases of injustice involving individuals facing execution. I had read John Grisham’s The Chamber and several other books but I had never seen an execution portrayed on film or the powerful witness of victim’s family members as presented in the movie. My awakening crystallized the next year when the Commonwealth of Kentucky decided to carry out its first execution in more than 30 years. I became involved with efforts to stop that execution, which put me on a path that eventually led me here to Texas.

Every social justice movement has its flashpoints. In the abolition movement, the successful legislative campaign to repeal the death penalty in New Jersey in 2007 has since inspired three other states to do so in recent years. Before that, Illinois Governor George Ryan’s declaration of a moratorium on executions in 2000 totally changed the conversation about the risk of executing innocent people. And before that, in 1996, there was “Dead Man Walking” and Sister Helen.

“Dead Man Walking” wasn’t just a flashpoint for me in my activism but for thousands, even millions, of people in this country and around the world. Sister Helen takes us on her journey to all the dark places we may not want to go but to which we *must* travel. Through her written words, through the film, and more recently, through the opera and play, “Dead Man Walking” has created unprecedented dialogue on the death penalty.

Earlier this month we were thrilled to continue that dialogue with Sister Helen herself, one of the most inspiring, passionate, insightful, and, yes, incredibly funny people I’ve ever met. We also were honored by the presence of Reverend John Elford and Pastor Nestor Menjivar, two local faith leaders who graciously shared their own journeys on the death penalty with us.

Building now on three successful dialogue events in Houston, San Antonio, and Austin, TCADP next will travel to Dallas in December for an evening with faith leaders and people of faith. You can read more about that event on the back page. And, in February, we will gather together in Austin for our annual conference, whose theme – “Changing the Conversation” – reflects this work to engage new stakeholders in conversations about the death penalty. (Registration and hotel information can be found on page 6.)

I hope all of these events will leave you inspired, provoked, energized, and committed to action. Thank you for supporting TCADP as we continue the dialogue and the journey together!

With gratitude,

TCADP Seizing the Momentum

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Calendar of Events

October

4 Screening of "At the Death House Door" and discussion, 7 PM; St. John's United Methodist Church, Austin
7 Odessa Chapter Meeting, 4:00 PM; TCADP booth at Fiesta Latinoamericana! in Dallas
10 World Day Against the Death Penalty; Houston Press Conference and Vigil; Scheduled execution of Jonathan Green
12 "Faithful Considerations: A Discussion with Sr. Helen Prejean and Austin Faith Leaders," 7:00 PM, St. Edward's University, Austin
13-14 TCADP Booth at Gran Festival of Nuestra Senora del Pilar Catholic Church, Dallas
14 TCADP Booth at "For Life Fair" St. Frances of Assisi, San Antonio
15 El Paso chapter meeting, 7:00 PM
18 Scheduled execution of Anthony Haynes— STAYED
24 Scheduled execution of Bobby Hines
25 TCADP Fort Worth Gathering
26-27 TCADP booth at the University of Dallas Ministry Conference
27-28 Damien Echols, one of the "West Memphis Three," appearance at the Texas Book Festival in Austin
28 TCADP presentation to the San Antonio Friends Meeting
31 Scheduled execution of Donnie Roberts

November

6 Election Day
8 Scheduled Execution: Mario Swain
10 HPJC Awards Dinner w/ Bryan Stevenson <http://www.hpjc.org/node/403>
14 Scheduled Execution: Ramon Hernandez
15 Scheduled Execution: Preston Hughes
15-17 GRACE 10th Anniversary events <http://bit.ly/SMKhBi>
18 Anthony Graves -Wesley UMC Austin, 10:00am;
"Execution" Film, Regal Metropolitan—Austin 7:30pm
21 Dallas Religious Organizing committee 6:00pm, Chapter meeting 7:00pm, dallas@tcadp.org
27 El Paso Chapter Meeting, 7:00pm, el Paso@tcadp.org

December

1 Death Row Holiday Card Write-a-thon, Dallas, 11:00-4:00, dallas@tcadp.org
4 "A Faithful Conversation on the Death Penalty with Dallas Faith Leaders" Paul Quinn College, Dallas, 7:00pm
19 Dallas Religious Organizing committee 6:00pm, Chapter meeting 7:00pm, dallas@tcadp.org

Full event descriptions and monthly chapter meeting dates with active links can be found at www.tcadp.org under "Get Involved - Attend Events".

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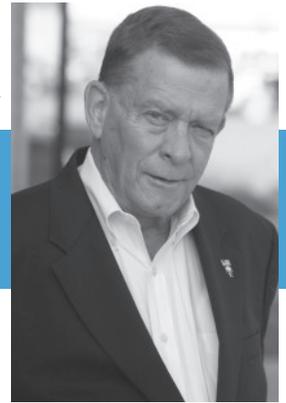
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Voices of Texas

"If you are going to expect mercy from the Lord, you must show mercy. Even though the thing he (Kosoul) did gives us the right to do the same, I am against violence."
- Joe Walker



Joe Walker returned to his Greenville, Texas home on a hot day in July 2006 to find a note to call the police. A devout Catholic, Joe was coming home from Confession at his church.

Soon the police were in his home telling him that his 40-year-old daughter, Sarah Anne Walker, had been murdered. Sarah, a real estate agent, had been found stabbed 27 times in a model home in a suburb of McKinney.

"I didn't believe it. I called my son and he already knew. I was hard to get hold of, and Sarah's mother was sick and couldn't answer the door," Joe said.

A priest came to the Walker home and Joe told him, "We need to pray for the killer, too." He has been doing so ever since.

At Sarah's funeral, Joe again asked for prayers not only for the soul of his daughter and for his family, but for the killer, who had not yet been caught. About two months later, through the efforts of local and state police, the Texas Rangers and the FBI, Kosoul Chanthakoummane was arrested for the murder. Kosoul was tried for capital murder and received a death sentence in 2007.

Motivated by his devout Catholic faith, Joe wrote to the murderer and sent him the diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, revered for her emphasis on the merciful love of God and the flow of that love from one's own heart to those in need of it. Joe told the perpetrator in a note that he forgave him for the murder.

Since Sarah's death, Joe has been praying for Kosoul daily, guided by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The chaplet is a devotion based on Kowalska's writings and said to be followed by over 100 million Roman Catholics. "I have been praying the chaplet for him almost every day. I have only missed a few days in the past five years," Joe said.

Forgiving Kosoul was just part of his faith, Joe said. And so is his opposition to the death penalty.

"If you are going to expect mercy from the Lord, you must show mercy. Even though the thing he (Kosoul) did gives us the right to do the same, I am against violence," Joe said.

When asked by the district attorney in the case about seeking the death penalty, Joe responded that he was against the death penalty. The district attorney agreed to think about what Joe said and decide whether he would seek the death penalty in the case. The next day Joe read in the newspaper that the district attorney was seeking death for the murder of Sarah.

Although Joe was asked to speak against the defendant receiving the death penalty, he decided against taking the stand. "I still struggle with that. Maybe I should've taken the stand, but I don't think it would have made a difference," he said.

What Joe experienced during those dark days and years would shake anyone to their very foundations and challenge their convictions. Joe found in his faith the basis for moving forward – and for opposing the death penalty.

Joe Walker and his wife, Carol, have been married 48 years. Joe worked in retail 35 years before he retired. Joe is active with the Knights of Columbus, local charities and his local Catholic Church.



Submitted by Chris Castillo, National Outreach Coordinator for Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation, ccastillo@mvfr.org.

Read more "Voices of Texas" under "Resources" - <http://tcadp.org/what-we-do/victims-outreach/>



Executions

To date this year, the State of Texas has carried out 10 executions, out of 31 nationwide. There are currently 5 executions scheduled to take place before the end of the year.

Stays of Execution

On July 27, 2012, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals granted a stay of execution to Marcus Druery. Druery was scheduled to be executed on August 1 for the 2002 murder of Skylyer Browne in rural Brazos County. Serious questions surround his mental competency; the State's own mental health professionals repeatedly have diagnosed him as schizophrenic. The Court granted the stay in order to review his attorneys' request for a full and fair competency hearing.

On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court granted a stay to John Balentine just one hour before his execution was scheduled to take place. This is the third last-minute reprieve Balentine has received in recent years. He was sentenced to death for the 1998 murders of his ex-girlfriend's brother, Mark Caylor, Jr., 17, and two other boys, Kai Geyer, 15, and Steven Watson, 15, in Amarillo. The Court stopped the execution to review a petition from Balentine's lawyer that contended his legal representation at trial and in the early stages of his appeal was deficient.

New Death Sentences

On August 29, 2012, a jury in Dallas County determined that Tyrone Cade should be put to death for the 2011 murders of his girlfriend, 37-year-old Mischell Fuller, and her daughter, 18-year-old Desaree Hoskins. The jury rejected an insanity defense. This is the second new death sentence in Dallas County this year and the sixth new death sentence in Texas. Overall, Dallas County accounts for the second-highest number of death sentences (104) and executions (49) in Texas.

Jury Rejection

On August 24, 2012, a jury in Bexar County (San Antonio) rejected the death penalty for Lorenzo Thompson. He was convicted of the 2010 capital murder of Vanessa Pitts, an Air Force basic training graduate he had robbed at a gas station. Thompson claims it was an accident. According to the *San Antonio Express-News* ("Jurors quickly reject death penalty for Thompson," August 24, 2012), it took the jury less than 30 minutes to determine that Thompson did not pose a future danger to society. He will serve a sentence of life without parole.

Updates on Other Cases

The State of Texas executed Marvin Wilson on August 7, 2012 after the U.S. Supreme Court declined to grant him a stay based on evidence of his intellectual disabilities. Wilson was sentenced to death for killing a police informant, Jerry Williams, in Beaumont in 1992. His attorneys pointed to a test that established his IQ at 61, well below the threshold of 70 that suggests mental impairment. Although the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2002 that it is unconstitutional to execute the mentally retarded, the State of Texas continues to use unscientific guidelines to determine which defendants with intellectual disabilities are protected from execution. These guidelines, called "the Briseño factors," after the decision that announced them, rely on stereotypes about mental retardation to exclude all but the most severely incapacitated from their constitutional protection against execution.

New Resources

Life After Death by Damien Echols, Blue Rider Press

Damien Echols, the central figure in one of the most notorious cases of wrongful conviction in recent memory, presents a gripping, eloquently-written account of his early life, his arrest and trial, his eighteen years on death row, his new life after prison, and his ongoing quest for full exoneration in his definitive memoir, Life After Death.

The journal writing and artwork that Echols did in prison helped him to process his experiences and place them in some kind of comprehensible context. They also revealed his artistic ambitions, which are clearly evident in his new memoir, for it is far more than simply a work of testimony, sensation, or even salvation.

Damien Echols will be presenting Life After Death at the Texas Book Festival in Austin, October 27. https://www.texasbookfestival.org/Author_Page.php?aid=4655

Read more about the state of the death penalty in TCADP's annual report, Texas Death Penalty Developments in 2012: The Year in Review, which will be published in early December. Look for an email from TCADP and check the website for more details. If you would be interested in blogging or submitting a letter to the editor in response to coverage of the report, please contact Kristin at khoule@tcadp.org.





November 6, 2012 Election Day

TCADP is a 501(c)3 organization and cannot endorse candidates. However, we do encourage you to practice your civic responsibility and vote. Please be sure to research candidates in local, state, and national races and their positions on criminal justice issues. State district judges, district attorneys, and judges on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals all play a major role in the Texas death penalty system.

Please communicate with your candidates and elected officials on all the issues that concern you, including your concerns about the Texas death penalty. And then let TCADP know what you may learn about their perspectives on this issue.

TCADP will be holding a lobby day during the 2013 Legislative Session, so be looking for more information in the coming newsletters and email communications! Hope you will join us!

Happy voting!



Save the Date!

TCADP 2013 Annual Conference: Changing the Conversation

February 23, 2013, 8:00am to 5:30pm

St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas

Highlights

- Panel Discussion & Skill Building Workshops
- Annual Awards Luncheon
- Networking

Conference Hotel: Wyndham Garden Hotel
3401 South IH-35 Austin, Texas 78741

King and Double Beds available, \$109 a night Friday, February 22 and/or Saturday, February 23.

Book by phone at 1-800-996-3426 and ask for the "Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty Room Block" or go online to www.wyndhamaustin.com. Click "search using Group code." Enter your desired dates of stay; in the Group code box enter "02206702TX".

Hotel group rate cut off date: 2/01/2013. If you have any difficulty, please contact Jennifer Sams at jsams@wyndham.com or 512-744-4831.

To register for the conference and keep up to date on conference developments; go to: <http://www.tcadp.org/what-we-do/annual-conference/>.

Special registration rates for TCADP members and students!





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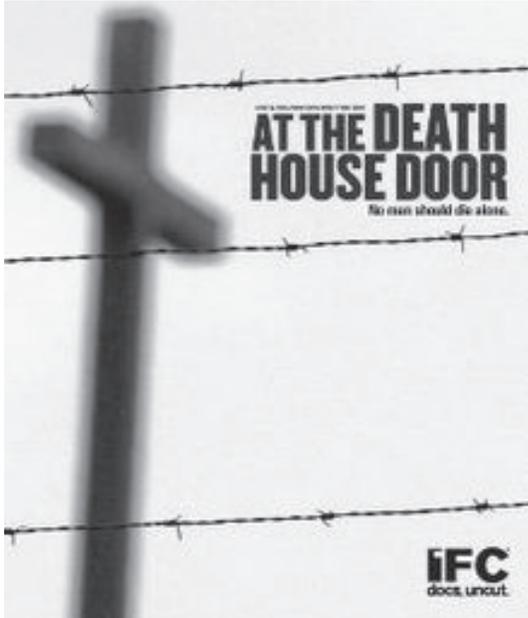
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TCADP Seeks Organizers for Film Screenings Statewide!

December 7, 2012 marks 30 years since the resumption of executions in Texas. It also is the anniversary of the execution of Carlos DeLuna in 1989.



Earlier this year, the Columbia University *Human Rights Law Review* published a groundbreaking article that sheds new light on the case of DeLuna and seeks to answer haunting questions as to whether Texas executed the wrong person for the brutal murder of Wanda Lopez in Corpus Christi in 1983. Cataloguing in minute detail everything that went wrong in DeLuna's case, the article also provides compelling evidence of the identity

of the real killer – a violent and dangerous man who was well known to law enforcement yet was ridiculed by prosecutors as a “phantom” of DeLuna's imagination during his trial. Read more about the case at <http://tcadp.org/get-informed/wrongful-execution/> and www.thewrongcarlos.net.

In observance of these two anniversaries, and in conjunction with the release of our annual report on death penalty developments in 2012, TCADP seeks to arrange screenings of the film "At the Death House Door" throughout the state in early December. The film presents the story of Reverend Carroll Pickett, who was with Carlos DeLuna on the last day of his life and witnessed his execution (Pickett also witnessed the execution of Charlie Brooks on December 7, 1982). Interweaving the stories of Pickett, who served as the death house chaplain at the Walls Unit in Huntsville for 15 years, and DeLuna, "At the Death House Door" presents an up close and personal look at the Texas death penalty system.

If you are interested in organizing a film screening or dialogue about the case of Carlos DeLuna, please contact TCADP at info@tcadp.org to make arrangements. Thank you!

Complete a TCADP Member Survey Today!

Thank you so much for completing this survey for TCADP. This information, which will be kept confidential, will help us better respond to the needs of our supporters and also utilize your gifts to further our mission of ending the death penalty.

The survey is online at www.tcadp.org/member-survey/. It should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions or comments, please be in touch with the TCADP office at 512-441-1808 or info@tcadp.org.



Kay Duffy-Taylor Joins TCADP Board of Directors

Kay Duffy-Taylor is a former criminal defense attorney from California. She specialized in defending serious felonies and murder cases including death penalty cases. Kay received her BA from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and her Juris Doctorate from Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Washington. Kay has also worked for two Members of Congress both in the legislative and campaign capacity and as a Litigation Counsel for the PETA Foundation - fighting against animal abuse in the courtroom. Kay moved to San Antonio when her husband retired from the Navy in 2010 and accepted a position with CPS Energy.



News from the Field

Here's a snapshot of the outreach and educational events that TCADP staff and local members have sponsored or participated in over the last three months:

Austin: TCADP Board President Bob Van Steenburg delivered a presentation on the death penalty to Bethany United Methodist Church in August and provided a workshop at the Justice and Charity Conference – Living the Good News, sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Austin, in September.

As part of the Austin area “Month of Faith in Action,” University United Methodist Church organized a screening of “The Empty Chair” on September 23, which about 40 people attended. At the end of September, First United Methodist Church hosted a presentation by Dr. Linda White, TCADP Advisory Board Member and former board member of Murder Victims’ Families for Reconciliation, who spoke about her personal path toward healing in the wake of the murder of her daughter, Cathi. This event took place as part of the Social Justice Fifth Sunday program. On October 4, St. John’s United Methodist Church hosted a screening of “At the Death House Door” and a discussion with TCADP Executive Director Kristin Houlé.

TCADP friends and supporters gathered on September 16 for a special evening of music, food, and fellowship at the home of TCADP Advisory Board Member Sara Hickman. Sara and fellow songstress, Shelley King, thrilled the audience with song after song about joy, pain, life, and perseverance. We

are so grateful to these two extraordinary musicians (who are the only two women to be named official Texas State Musicians!) and to Sara and her family for opening their home to us. Thanks to everyone who participated in this unique south Austin gathering, which helped raise critical funds for our organization! (Watch a video from the house party on TCADP’s youtube channel—www.youtube.com/tcadp—Thank you Mo McMorrow for the videography!)

Beaumont: Several interested individuals in Beaumont have been gathering to plan local education and awareness activities. Interest includes sponsoring a film showing and distributing the TCADP yard signs to be put up on days of execution for local awareness.

Brazos Valley: Discussion is underway about sponsoring a film showing at a local cinema using the Tugg resource.

Dallas: Local members have participated in several outreach events over the last three months, including the SMU Engaged Learning Expo, the Dallas Pride Festival, Fiesta Latinoamericana!, and the annual Parish Gran Fiesta at Nuestra Senora del Pilar. Collectively, these events generated nearly 200 new contacts for the organization! Members of the TCADP Dallas Religious Outreach Committee continue to prepare for a “faithful conversation about the death penalty” with local faith leaders and people of faith. The event will take place on Tuesday, December 4 at Paul Quinn College. More details and RSVP for tickets at <http://tcadp.org/faithful-conversation/>.



Sara Hickman, Shelley King, TCADP Benefit Concert
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El Paso: On September 21, members of El Pasoans Against the Death Penalty participated in the International Day of Peace on the UTEP campus (pictured). The chapter is now meeting on the third Monday of each month at St. Pius X Catholic Church at 7:00 PM.



Houston: In September, former Bexar County District Attorney Sam Millsap and Jan Brown, a member of Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation, addressed the United Methodist Women at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Also in September, local members staffed information booths at the Rice University Dinner and Tabling Fair and the Helping Hands Fair at the University of St. Thomas.

On October 10, the Houston Chapter of TCADP, along with the Houston Peace and Justice Center, Pax Christi Houston, Amnesty International Group 23, the ACLU of Texas, and KPFT 90.1FM Radio for Peace observed World Day Against the Death Penalty with a press conference and vigil in front of the Harris County Courthouse. Dr. Linda White was the featured speaker.

San Antonio: TCADP Advisory Board Member Roger Barnes addressed the Freethinkers Association in August, while in

September TCADP volunteers staffed an information booth at the North East Bexar County Democrats Labor Day Picnic. In October, local members provided materials on the death penalty at the "For Life Fair" at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, and Susan Ives spoke to the local Friends Meeting about the death penalty and TCADP.



Vigil Locations tcadp.org under "Get Involved"

Huntsville (Location of Executions) Corner of 12th and Ave. I (in front of Walls Unit) at 5:15 pm

Austin (Site 1) - On Congress at 11 St., 5:30 - 6:30 pm, **(Site 2)** - Prayer vigil at St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church on Oltorf and Congress at 6:00pm (approx 20 minutes)

Beaumont Diocese of Beaumont, Diocesan Pastoral Office, 703 Archie St. @ 4:00 pm on the day of an execution

Brownsville 802 and Paredes Lane from 4:30 -5:30pm

College Station 5:30 to 6 pm, east of Texas A&M campus at the corner of Walton and Texas Ave. across the street from the main entrance

Corpus Christi Sisters Of Incarnate Word Convent, 2930 Alameda, 6:00 pm

Cuero At Gazebo on Main Street , next to Library, 5:45 pm. Public Invited. For information call 361-676-2921

El Paso (Site 1) 6:00 pm Saint Patrick Cathedral, 1118 N Mesa St , **(Site 2)** Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 131 S Zaragosa Rd, **(Site 3)** Our Lady of Guadalupe 2709 Alabama, and **(Site 4)** St. Pius X Hope Chapel, 1050 N Clark.

Ganado At Assumption Catholic Church Pro-Life Monument, 5:45 pm Public invited. For information call 361-771-3325

Houston Rotating Locations... October-December 5:30 to 6:20 at the corner of Alameda Rd. and Holcombe Blvd. by the Dominican Sisters Community

Lubbock St. John's United Methodist Church, 1501 University Ave., 5:30 to 6:30 pm

McAllen In front of The Monitor, corner of Nolana and Jackson at 5:30 pm

McKinney St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Community located at 110 St. Gabriel Way, the last Sunday of the month, following the 11:00 mass to remember those scheduled for execution in the following month, as well as the victims of their crimes and family members on both sides

Odessa Public vigil takes place from 5:00 to 5:30 pm in front of St. Joseph Catholic Parish, 907 S. Dixie, Odessa 79761. Prayer takes place inside the church from 5:30 to 6:00 PM. All are welcome. The church phone number is 432-337-2213

San Antonio (Site 1) - Archdiocese of San Antonio, in the St. Joseph Chapel at the Chancery, 2718 W. Woodlawn Ave. (1 mile east of Bandera Rd.) at 11:30 am on the day of execution. Broadcast on Catholic Television of San Antonio (Time-Warner cable channel 15) at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm on the day of execution. **(Site 2)** - Main Plaza across from Bexar County Courthouse and San Fernando Cathedral - Noon **(Site 3)** - Join the Sisters of Divine Providence and friends in vigil and prayer from 6:00 - 6:30 pm on Texas execution days in front of Our Lady of the Lake Convent by the large crucifix. 515 S.W. 24th Street

Spring Prayer Vigil at 6 pm on evenings of executions at St Edward Catholic Community, 2601 Spring Stuebner Rd, Spring, TX 77389 for the murder victim, for family and friends of the murder victim, the prison guards and correctional officers, for the family of the condemned man/woman, for the man/woman to be executed and to an end to the death penalty

Victoria At Incarnate Word Convent, 5:45 pm. Public Invited. For information call 361-575-7111



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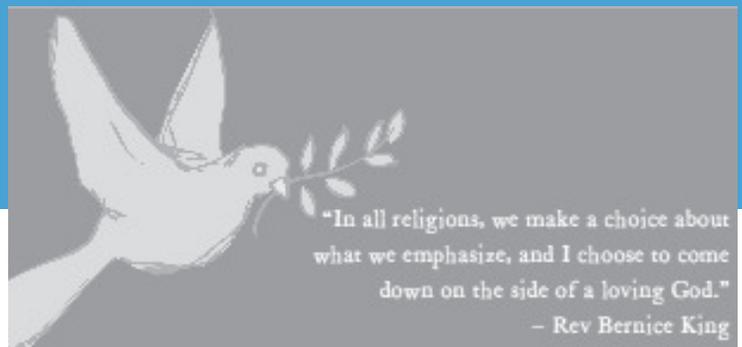
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**A Faithful Conversation on the Death Penalty with Dallas Faith Leaders
December 4, 2012, 7:00-9:00pm**

All Dallas-Forth Worth area clergy and lay people are invited to attend!

Paul Quinn College, Grande Lounge
3837 Simpson Stuart Road, Dallas, Texas 75241



The conversation with Dallas faith leaders will include the challenges of moving Texas away from a culture of vengeance toward a culture of accountability that does not rely on the death penalty; addressing the issue of the death penalty from the pulpit; and how faith leaders and people of faith can take a more proactive role in educating their congregations about the death penalty.

See who is participating, reserve your free tickets (limited seating), and submit questions for the panel at <http://tcadp.org/faithful-conversation/>.