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# Texas Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty

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Welcome to Texas CCATDP's December 2023 newsletter!

Dear friend,

Wow, it's been quite the year for Texas CCATDP! What started as an idea back in February has quickly turned in a strong, ever-growing coalition of Texas conservatives determined to seek a safer, more just future for our great state.

Our work this year would not have been possible with you. Thank you for lending your support, your help, and your voice to this cause.

Over the past several months, we've accomplished so much. From meetings with Texas lawmakers and outreach to like-minded conservatives, to supporting clemency campaigns and participating in speaking engagements, events, and more, we hit the ground running and haven't looked back.

And the best part? We're just getting started.

We have so much in store for 2024. Make sure to follow us on [X \(Twitter\)](#) and [Facebook](#) to get the latest updates from Texas CCATDP. And [reach out to us](#) directly if you'd like to get involved, learn more, or partner with us. If you're looking for ways to start conversations within your own conservative circles, make sure to check out our [fact sheet](#) that lays out the conservative case against the death penalty.

We remain steadfast in our mission to end the death penalty and will continue to champion real public safety solutions. The tide is continuing to change in Texas as more conservatives question the alignment of the death penalty with our values. That tide will swell even stronger next year as we expand our footprint throughout the state and share our message with even more conservatives.

Together, we will end capital punishment and ensure a better future for the Lone Star State — a future driven by conservative values, and a future free from the destruction and darkness of the death penalty.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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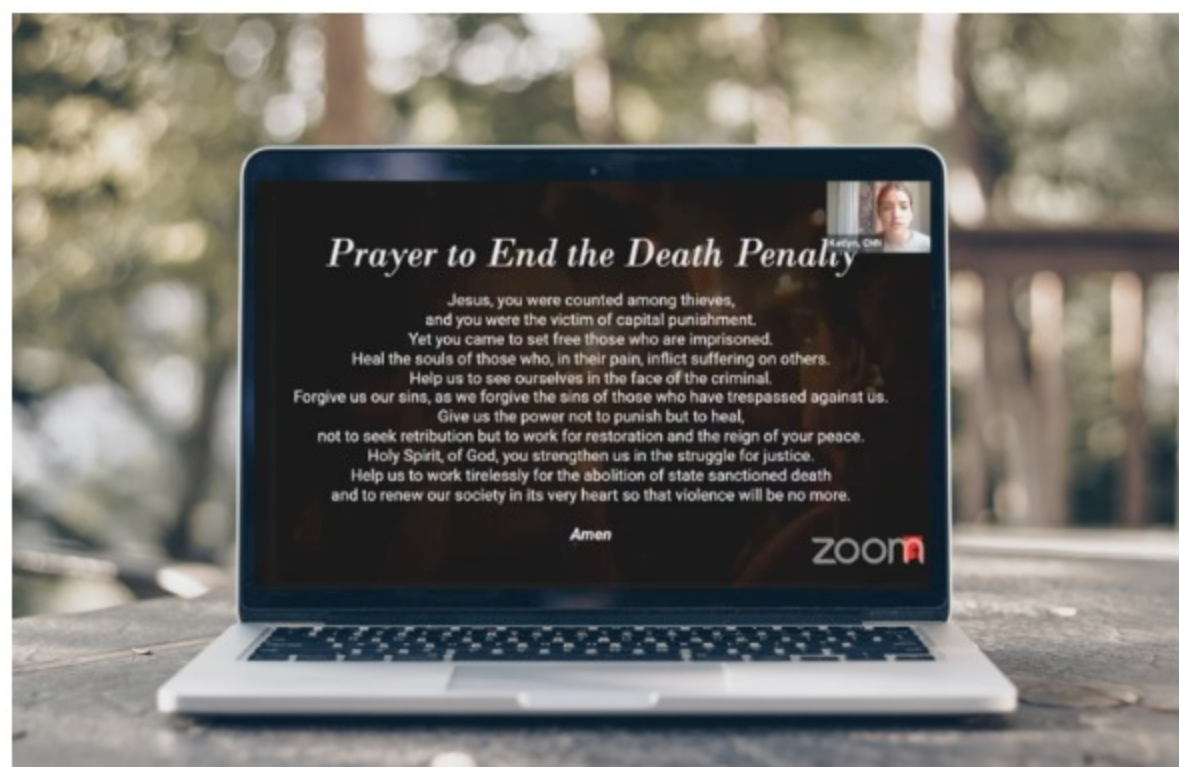
## NOVEMBER EXECUTION UPDATES

The State of Texas put to death Brent Brewer on November 9, 2023, despite junk science testimony given at his trial. The State of Texas also executed David Renteria for a crime he maintained he did not commit. Thank you to everyone who called, wrote, and shared on their behalf.

This marks the end of scheduled executions for [2023](#). In total, Texas put eight people to death this year. The execution dates of three other men were withdrawn, and one man received a last-minute stay.

Only one execution is scheduled for 2024 as of December 1, 2023. [Ivan Cantu](#) is scheduled to be put to death in February for the murders of James Mosqueda and Amy Kitchen. Be on the lookout for information on how to take action around this upcoming execution.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Friday, Dec. 1 "Mass with Texas Women's Death Row"** On Friday, Dec. 1, the Catholic Mobilizing Network is partnering with the Catholic Prison Ministries Coalition to present a virtual Mass with the women on Texas' death row, celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez. This Mass provides a unique experience of solidarity and prayer with those on death row, a rare opportunity for many of us. Virtual. 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM CT. [RSVP here.](#)



**Saturday, January 27: Texas Rally for Life** Join Texas CCATDP Director Nan Tolson and thousands of Texans from across the state at the 2024 Texas Rally for Life in Austin. This event commemorates the Supreme Court's tragic Roe v. Wade decision that imposed legal abortion on Texas and the entire nation throughout all nine months of pregnancy and celebrates the overturning of the terrible precedent set in 1973. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. [Register here.](#) (PHOTO: Texas Alliance for Life)



**Saturday, March 4: TCADP Annual Conference** The Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty will host their 2024 Annual Conference: Creating Conscious Communities on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the Martin University Center on the campus of Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas. The conference, now in its 26th year, is the cornerstone of TCADP's statewide membership engagement efforts. It features a panel discussion, keynote address, and the presentation of awards to those who have made significant contributions to the abolition movement. TCADP will provide two sets of workshop sessions on a variety of topics. [Register here.](#)



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