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# Memo

**Date:** November 8, 2021

**To:** Clergy and religious, parish/mission staff, parish communicators, social action ministers, campus ministers, school faculty and staff

**From:** Kat Doyle, Director of Justice and Peace Ministries; Office of Life, Dignity and Justice

**Re:** 2021 Worlds AIDS Day Prayer Service

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*Please share this information in your bulletins, social media accounts and other communication outlets.*

**World AIDS Day Prayer Service  
Wednesday, December 1, 7 p.m.  
Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church**

***End Inequalities. End AIDS.***

As of 2019, Georgia had the highest rate of any state in the country of new HIV diagnoses. The thousands of new infections we see in our state each year have been concentrated overwhelmingly in low-income communities. These communities face structural inequalities that put up barriers to stemming the tide of new infections as well as preventing existing HIV infections from becoming AIDS.

Inequalities feed pandemics and threaten the life and dignity of millions around the world. Join us in prayer and fellowship as we pray for those infected with HIV/AIDS, for their families and caregivers as well as for an end to the injustices that obstruct the fight against this and all pandemics.

The World AIDS Day Prayer Service will be held on Wednesday, December 1, at 7 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, located at 2560 Tilson Road, Decatur, GA 30032. Father Desmond Drummer, pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament and chaplain at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School, will serve as the presider. A reception will follow.