



# Memo

**Date:** April 2, 2025

**To:** Priests, deacons, brothers, sisters, chancery, parishes and schools' staff

**From:** Maureen Smith, director, Office of Communications

**Re:** Georgia bishops express gratitude for passage of HB 123

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The Georgia Senate passed House Bill 123, a measure that protects vulnerable individuals from the death penalty on March 31.

The Georgia House unanimously approved the bill earlier in the legislative session, and the bill awaits the governor's signature to become law.

Atlanta Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., and Bishop Stephen D. Parkes of Savannah expressed their gratitude to lawmakers and advocates for the bill's passage in an April 2 statement.

You can read the statement on The Georgia Bulletin's website in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).