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# Memo

**Date:** February 19, 2024

**To:** All clergy, school principals, campus ministers, directors of faith formation, youth ministers, parish communicators and social justice ministries

**From:** Jayna Hoffacker, director of Restorative Justice Ministry, Office of Life, Dignity and Justice

**Re:** Justice & Mercy Poetry Contest for Young Catholics

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*Please consider sharing this opportunity with young adult Catholics in your communities. The contest is open to Catholics aged 18-30.*

Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN), a national organization dedicated to promoting restorative justice and ending the death penalty, is hosting their annual **[Justice & Mercy Poetry Contest for Young Catholics](#)**.

All young Catholics aged 18-30 are invited to write and submit an original poem about the injustice of capital punishment in the United States. First prize is \$1,000, and the poem will be published on CMN's website and social media.

[Click here](#) for some suggested themes to be explored in a poem as well as resources on the death penalty and church teaching.

Poems may be submitted now through Monday, March 25. Visit <https://catholicmobilizing.org/poetry-contest> for more information and to enter.

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