Memo

Date: March 6, 2023

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

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

Catholic Mobilizing Network, 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.

<u>Click here</u> 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, May 1. Visit https://catholicsmobilizing.org/poetry-contest for more information and to enter.

For questions or more information, contact me at <u>jhoffacker@archatl.com</u> or 404-920-7898.