Memo

Date: November 21, 2022

To: All clergy and religious, parish communicators, prison ministers, social

action ministers, respect life ministers

From: Jayna Hoffacker, associate director, Justice and Peace Ministries

Re: Petition to repeal the death penalty in Georgia

Please consider sharing this information in your parish communications. We also encourage parishes to hold petition drives after weekend Masses.

Georgia's next legislative session begins in less than two months, on January 10. Georgia Catholics Against the Death Penalty are collecting signatures from the Catholics of our state to present to the chair of the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee to urge them to support legislation that would repeal the death penalty in Georgia.

In September, Pope Francis asked all people of good will to mobilize to abolish the death penalty. Now is the time for Georgia Catholics to mobilize for the protection of human life and dignity in our laws.

Please find below links to the petition, as well as resources for sharing this action with your communities:

<u>Petition to End the Death Penalty in Georgia</u> (en español) Parish Action Toolkit

For questions or more information, please contact me at jhoffacker@archatl.com or 404-920-7898.