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Date: April 29, 2024

To: Clergy and religious, parish communicators, campus ministers, social justice ministers and respect life ministers

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

Re: *Pulling Back the Curtain: A Webinar Series on the Death Penalty*

Please consider sharing this information with your communities.

[Georgia Catholics Against the Death Penalty](#) and [Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty](#) are proud to present *Pulling Back the Curtain*, a webinar series on the death penalty. Throughout this series, we will examine the facts and myths of the death penalty in light of the curtain of secrecy the state draws around this process.

Our first discussion will be on *The Medicalization of Executions*. With execution methods like lethal injection, and more recently the introduction of nitrogen gas, we run the risk of seeing executions as mere medical procedures. Dr. Joel Zivot, associate professor of anesthesiology at Emory University School of Medicine, will debunk this dangerous assumption, laying bare the violence these “humane” forms of execution do to the human body.

Join us on Tuesday, May 21, at 12 p.m. via Zoom for *Pulling Back the Curtain: The Medicalization of Executions* with Dr. Joel Zivot. Register at: <http://bit.ly/dpmedical>.

For more information about Georgia Catholics Against the Death Penalty and the archdiocese’s work to abolish the death penalty, contact me at jhoffacker@archatl.com or 404-920-7898.