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**Date:** August 26, 2024

**To:** Clergy 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 webinar series on the death penalty

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[Georgia Catholics Against the Death Penalty](#) and [Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty](#) conclude our *Pulling Back the Curtain* webinar series on Thursday, September 26, with *Pulling Back the Curtain: The Eyes of the Public*.

Media witnesses serve a vital role at executions—they are the eyes of the public. In this installment of *Pulling Back the Curtain*, we will be speaking with Rhonda Cook from *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC)*. Rhonda served as the AJC’s media witness for many years, witnessing and reporting on more than 25 executions. She will share with us what it is like to witness an execution, as well as why it is so important for the media to be present.

**Join us for *Pulling Back the Curtain: The Eyes of the Public* on Thursday, September 26, at 12 p.m. via Zoom. Register at [bit.ly/dpmediawitness](https://bit.ly/dpmediawitness).**

Watch our previous webinars in this series below:  
[The Medicalization of Executions with Dr. Joel Zivot](#)  
[The Legal Labyrinth of a Capital Case with Patrick Mulvaney](#)

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