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Date: December 23, 2024

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

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

Re: Ring Around the Capitol—advocacy day at the capitol

Please consider sharing this information with your communities. Social media graphics are included [here](#) and [here](#).

In his [2025 World Day of Peace message](#), Pope Francis has once again called for the global abolition of the death penalty. As he writes, “This penalty not only compromises the inviolability of life but eliminates every human hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation.”

Here in Georgia, not only do we have an active death penalty statute, but our state continues—in spite of the Supreme Court decision prohibiting it—to execute people with intellectual disabilities.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta will be joining dozens of other faith communities and organizations at the Georgia State Capitol on Wednesday, February 12, for **Ring Around the Capitol**, an advocacy day to end the death penalty for people with intellectual disabilities in Georgia.

Please plan to join us in protecting the life and dignity of some of the most vulnerable people in our society. To learn more about this issue, please visit <http://www.gacadp.org/id>. Registration information for the advocacy day will be coming soon.

You are also invited to prepare for the advocacy day with a virtual **Grassroots Lobby Training** hosted by Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty on Thursday, January 16, at 12 p.m. [Click here to register for the advocacy webinar](#).

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