

Modern civilization itself often complicates the approach to God not for any essential reason but because it is so heavily engrossed in earthly affairs.

Offenders on Death Row

- *Gaudium Et Spes*

Most Recent

| TDCJ Number | Last Name | First Name | Date of Birth | Gender | Race | Date Received | County | Date of Offense |
|-------------|----------------|------------|---------------|--------|----------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 999546 | Olsen | Christian | 06/20/1987 | M | White | 03/04/2009 | Brazos | |
| 999545 | Davila | Erick | 04/04/1987 | M | Black | 02/27/2009 | Tarrant | |
| 999544 | Ramirez | John | 06/29/1984 | M | Hispanic | 02/13/2009 | Nueces | |
| 999543 | Cortez | Raul | 03/17/1981 | M | Hispanic | 02/04/2009 | Collin | |
| 999542 | Sparks | Robert | 02/13/1974 | M | Black | 01/08/2009 | Dallas | 09/15/2007 |
| 999541 | Norman | LeJames | 11/26/1985 | M | Black | 12/12/2008 | Jackson | 08/24/2005 |
| 999540 | Veles | Manuel | 12/27/1964 | M | Hispanic | 11/25/2008 | Cameron | 10/31/2005 |
| 999539 | Freeman | James | 11/12/1980 | M | White | 10/11/2008 | Wharton | 03/17/2007 |
| 999538 | Storey | Paul | 10/11/1984 | M | Black | 9/16/2008 | Tarrant | 10/16/2006 |
| 999537 | Lucio | Melissa | 7/18/1968 | F | Hispanic | 8/12/2008 | Cameron | 02/17/2007 |
| 999536 | Ruiz | Wesley | 11/20/79 | M | Hispanic | 07/16/2008 | Dallas | 03/23/2007 |
| 999535 | Mays | Randall | 08/03/1968 | M | White | 05/16/2008 | Henderson | 05/17/2007 |
| 999534 | Rodriquez, III | Rosendo | 03/26/1980 | M | Hispanic | 05/14/2008 | Lubbock | 09/13/2005 |

Modern Society has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform. I renew the appeal I made most recently at Christmas for a consensus to end the Death Penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary. - *Pope John Paul II - St. Louis Mo., Jan.27, 1999*

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|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------|----------|---------------|----------|-----------------|
| 685 | Soffar | Max | 12/15/1955 | M | White | 06/12/1981 | Harris | 07/14/1980 |
| 671 | Banks, Jr. | Delma | 11/30/1958 | M | Black | 10/15/1980 | Bowie | 04/12/1980 |
| 663 | Moore | Bobby | 10/29/1959 | M | Black | 07/24/1980 | Harris | 04/25/1980 |
| 652 | Selvage | John | 08/07/1950 | M | Black | 03/17/1980 | Harris | 07/30/1979 |
| 650 | Fierro | Cesar | 10/18/1956 | M | Hispanic | 02/26/1980 | El Paso | 02/27/1979 |
| 642 | Reed | Jonathan | 10/19/1951 | M | White | 09/06/1979 | Dallas | 11/01/1978 |
| 636 | Aranda | Arturo | 05/12/1948 | M | Hispanic | 05/18/1979 | Victoria | 07/31/1976 |
| 615 | Smith | Jack | 12/23/1937 | M | White | 10/10/1978 | Harris | 01/06/1978 |
| 612 | Powell | David | 01/13/1951 | M | White | 10/06/1978 | Travis | 05/20/1978 |
| 609 | Jordan | Clarence | 04/06/1956 | M | Black | 09/12/1978 | Harris | 10/14/1977 |
| 587 | Pierce | Anthony | 07/20/1959 | M | Black | 03/20/1978 | Harris | 08/04/1977 |
| 577 | Earvin | Harvey | 04/07/1958 | M | Black | 10/26/1977 | Angelina | 12/12/1976 |
| 541 | Riles | Raymond | 06/01/1950 | M | Black | 02/04/1976 | Harris | 04/11/1975 |
| 539 | Chambers | Ronald | 01/11/1955 | M | Black | 01/08/1976 | Dallas | 04/11/1975 |

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Love embraces the whole of existence in each of it's dimensions; love looks to the eternal.- Deus Caritas

Some Facts About the Death Penalty

United States Capital Punishment:

- As of December 31,1999, the death penalty was authorized by 38 states and the Federal Government.
- Texas leads nation in the number of executions since death penalty was reinstated in 1976.
- Texas, California, and Florida have the largest death row populations.
- 3,254 offenders were under sentence of death in the United States as of December 31, 2005.
- There are five methods of execution in the United States: lethal injection, electrocution, lethal gas, hanging, and firing squad.
- Jurisdictions without death penalty statutes: Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

For more on Capital Punishment in the United States:
Bureau of Justice Statistics-Capital Punishment

Rightful differences exist between men, the equal dignity of persons demands that a more humane and just condition of life be brought about. Human institutions, both private and public, must labor to minister to the dignity and purpose of man. - *Gaudium Et Spes*

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church - Dallas Diocese

Unconditionally



Pro-Life

God created man in his image, in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them. -

Gn. 1:27

In my heart, I carry the last glances of the dying I do all I can so that they feel loved at that most important moment when a seemingly useless existence can be redeemed. -

Mother Teresa

Meditations on the Mysteries of the Rosary For the Abolition of State Sanctioned Death

One is always only at the beginning of love - Fr. Huvelin

Joyful Mysteries:

The Annunciation

The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid, Mary for you have found favor with God.

- Like Mary' trust in God, we pray for those wrongfully convicted.

The Visitation

Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Mary' visit to Elizabeth thus became a visit from God to his people.

- We pray for reformation, may the repentant sinner, in humble confidence, leap for joy like John when greeted by his God.

The Nativity

Good news of great joy that will be for all the people, and the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

- We pray that all men and women made in your image may respect and uphold the dignity of life.

The Presentation

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me.

- Let us pray in thanksgiving for your gift, in calling us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

The Child Jesus in the temple

Hearken, my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

- We pray for your guidance that within, the hearts and minds of peoples and all in public office, may they seek the common good.

The Luminous Mysteries:

The Baptism in the Jordan

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

- We pray lead back to your friendship and truth all, who have gone astray.

The Miracle at Cana

"Do whatever he tells you." Revealing his glory, his disciples began to believe in him.

- We pray for victims and families harmed either by injustice or violence, may they be enlightened to believe, for in God all things are possible.

The Proclamation

"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

- Let us pray for the un-churched, lost and fallen away, may they hear, take to heart and live in your word.

The Transfiguration

His appearance was like lightening and his clothing was white as snow.

- In praying of forgiveness and mercy for the executed, having gone in hope to meet Christ the judge, rejoice for-ever in the vision of your glory.

Institution of the Eucharist

Do this in memory of me, blessing of my Body and thanksgiving of my Blood.

- We pray to be people of a passionate and forgiving love.

Sorrowful Mysteries:

The Agony

Not my will but yours be done.

- We pray for those distressed by false witnesses, bad lawyering and defective or fraudulent science, etc. May persevere in trusting God's will.

The Scourging

When insulted he returned no insult.

- Let us pray for protection and defense of those who are discriminated against for, race, color, class, language or religion.

The Crowning of Thorns

The Lamb... Is the Lord of lords and the King of kings.

- Let us pray that we may respect the freedom and the conscience of all.

Carrying of the Cross

Show me the way in which I should walk.

- We pray, Be mindful of those who devote themselves to the service of their brothers, under discouraging re-sults or lack of support.

The Crucifixion

Wait; let us see if Elijah comes to save him."

- We pray to break the cycle of violence, the hatred in vengeance and the pride of self- righteousness.

Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection

Where, O Death is your Victory? Where, O Death is your Sting?

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord.

- We pray for love of our enemies.

The Ascension

I will come back again and take you to myself.

- We pray in thanksgiving for those you have given clemency for humanitarian reasons.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you.

- We pray, help us to work and pray for the abolition of state sanctioned death.

The Assumption

For stern as death is Love, relentless as the netherworld is Devotion.

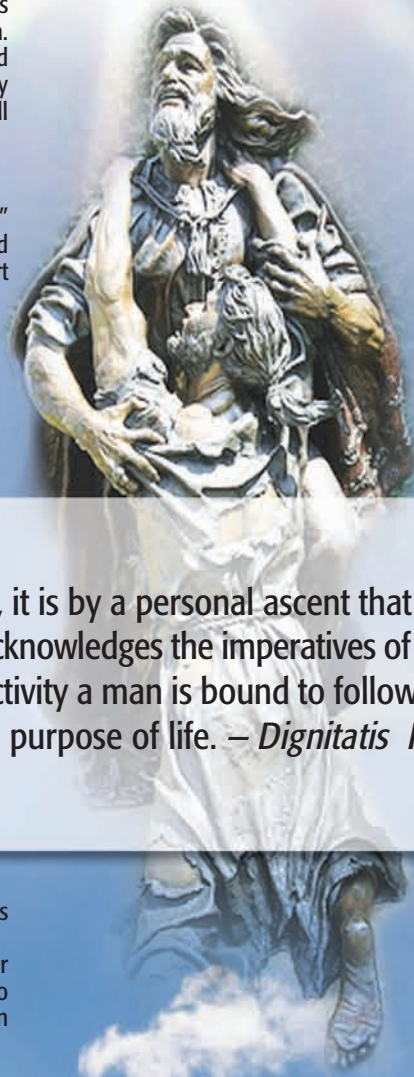
- We pray for all mothers whom have lost their children either by criminal violence or by the death penalty.

The Coronation

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

- Let us pray that the Church in her wholeness may give the Holy Father, Bishops, Clergy and all whom promote the dignity of life in every aspect, the means to fulfill God' kingdom on earth.

Christian liberty bears witness to the absolute and most just dominion of God over man, and to the chief and supreme duty of man toward God.
— Libertas Praestantissimum



As the Truth is discovered, it is by a personal ascent that men are able to adhere to it. On his part, man perceives and acknowledges the imperatives of the divine law through the mediation of conscience—in all his activity a man is bound to follow his conscience in order that he may come to God the end and purpose of life. — *Dignitatis Humanae*

<http://www.usccb.org/deathpenalty/>