

Death Penalty Bulletin Insert

1. Quotes with photo of each pope:

St. John Paul II: Modern society in fact has the means of effectively suppressing crime by rendering criminals harmless without definitively denying them the chance to reform.

Pope Benedict XVI: I express my hope that your deliberations will encourage the political and legislative initiatives being promoted in a growing number of countries to eliminate the death penalty.

Pope Francis: Nowadays the death penalty is unacceptable, however grave the crime of the convicted person. It is an offence to the inviolability of life and to the dignity of the human person; it likewise contradicts God's plan for individuals and society, and his merciful justice.

2. Graph showing:

19 States and DC have abolished the death penalty - Alaska, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin

3. Story of Kirk Bloodsworth

Kirk Bloodsworth, a 22-year-old Maryland native and former Marine, was sentenced with the death penalty for a murder he did not commit. He spent 9 years in prison before becoming the first person to be exonerated by DNA evidence.

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