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Catholics Hold Civil Disobedience Rally for Immigrant Children

A few hundred Catholic activists, including dozens of women religious, gathered outside at the foot of the U.S. Capitol July 18th urging politicians to stop its “inhumane treatment” of immigrant children at the border and reminding people of faith to take a stronger stand against current U.S. border policies.

A message from Bishop Robert W. McElroy of San Diego said in part: “We stand in a moment when our government has weaponized fear — the fear being sown within our nation as a whole that refugees and immigrants, who have been America’s historic lifeblood, have now become the enemy; and the even more reprehensible fear being unleashed upon the hearts and souls of immigrant mothers and fathers that they will be separated from their children purely as an act of intimidation.” Franciscan Joseph Nangle sought to communicate the urgency of the crisis by characterizing it as a historic and moral “struggle for the soul of America.”



Social Service Sr. Simone Campbell, exec. dir. of Network, a lobby for Catholic social justice, closed the service by leading a group prayer. “The conditions our children face at the border is a stark reminder, as we just heard, of the moral bankruptcy of our current immigration policy. It is wrong and it must stop,” she said.

Our God of compassion, we pray for the children. We beg you to give us the grace to be their protectors. Awaken in us the inner and outer strength to see their faces, wipe their tears, and strengthen them with our love. Amen.

We Saw You at Our Summer Celebrations!



Friars, Affiliates, Relatives and Friends Celebrated Religious Jubilees, First Profession and Perpetual Professions With Us at St. Lawrence Seminary.






In our next issue, we'll have photos of Javier's first profession and the investiture of Ashwin Kumar and Jacob Shultz. Thanks to all of you who celebrated with us!



- Sugirtha, younger sister of Roche Gaspar, was scheduled for a liver transplant.
 - Shelah Fought, mother of former friar Eric Fought, died recently.
 - Ben Meier (brother of Raymond Meier) died recently.
 - Carolyn Hall (Sister of Ken Smits) died recently.
 - Lester Bach is undergoing therapy after a fall.
 - John Willger's mother was hospitalized for serious health issues.
- Ronald Szatkowski (brother of former friar Daniel "Shotsy" Szatkowski) died recently.

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1	Shirley Horn (B)
3	Jerry Cornish (B)
4	Reynold Rynda (B) Lawrence Abler (B)
7	Truyen Nguyen (B)
8	Kenan Siegel (B) RoseAnn Miller (B)
10	Jerome Johnson (B)
12-13	Provincial Council, Detroit
13	Biju Parakkalayil (B)

Catholic Leaders Voice Opposition to Death Penalty Reinstatement



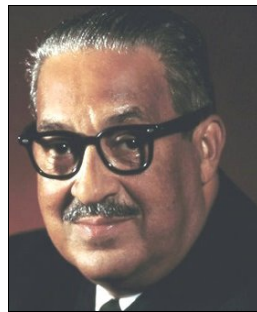
"Capital punishment is unacceptable, however serious the condemned's crime may have been. It is an offence to the inviolability of life and to the integrity of the human person."

- Pope Francis

The July 25 announcement by the Justice Department that it is reinstating the federal death penalty for the first time in 16 years was unwelcome news for Catholic leaders who have advocated against capital punishment. "The United States' death penalty system is tragically flawed. Resuming federal executions – especially by an administration that identifies itself as 'pro-life' – is wrongheaded and unconscionable," said Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy, executive director of Catholic Mobilizing Network, a group that champions restorative justice and an end to the death penalty. The last time there was a federal execution was in 2003.

In a July 25 statement released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Frank J. Dewane of Venice FL chair of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, said that Pope Francis in 2015 called for "the global abolition of the death penalty," which he said the U.S. bishops also have supported for many years.

In a July 25 tweet, Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich called Attorney General Barr's [decision] "gravely injurious to the common good, as it effaces the God-given dignity of all human beings, even those who have committed terrible crimes."



The death penalty is no more effective a deterrent than life imprisonment... It is also evident that the burden of capital punishment falls upon the poor, the ignorant and the underprivileged members of society.

— Thurgood Marshall —

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