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Mother Joseph Province

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**Sisters of Providence of Mother Joseph Province
Corporate Stance for the End of the Death Penalty**

Whereas, we are called to build a “culture of life” which cannot be achieved if we condone a “culture of violence”; and

Whereas, the imposition of the death penalty deprives human beings of their God-given dignity and denies the sacredness of life; and

Whereas, the death penalty has not been proven to be an effective crime deterrent; and

Whereas, the death penalty is an irreversible punishment, has been applied in a discriminatory manner and, in some cases, innocent persons have been executed; and

Whereas, the cost of the death penalty is necessarily prohibitive in contrast to the cost of life in prison; and

Whereas, while the death penalty may provide a sense of justice for some families of victims, we believe that punishment for crime should allow capital offenders the opportunity for reform and repentance for their actions;

Be it resolved the Sisters of Providence of Mother Joseph Province support the end of the death penalty, and advocate for a safe and just sentence for capital offenders; and

Be it further resolved the Sisters of Providence of Mother Joseph Province encourage support of programs that assist families of victims and families of the convicted in finding spiritual, physical and emotional healing and forgiveness for the offender.
