

FROM: Fr. Chris Ponnet, Catholics Against the Death Penalty Leadership Team
TO: Pastor, Parish Life Directors, Priests/Deacons preachers, bulletin and Liturgy Directors/Teams:
RE: YesOn62.com (no on 66) Let us end the Death Penalty together as part of our Pro-life Movement

Please use the following to help with your Sunday liturgies between now and the November 8th Election. We stand with Saint Pope John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Pope Francis call to end the Death penalty. We stand at this moment and in this state with the California Catholic Conference who endorse Proposition 62 to end the death penalty and oppose Proposition 66 which would continue the death penalty—prayer, register, education, prayer, get out the vote, prayer —the steps before us. Below you will find some points for homily preparation, a bulletin announcement (quote) and one or two petitions for the Prayer of the Faithful. YesOn62.com or deathpenalty.org has great additional resources with data and research. UscCb.org and Cccb.org has great resources for the campaign against the death penalty and for Respect Life Month. Our resource page has the attached liturgical resources and handouts for teaching, preaching and door to door Registration to vote, get out the vote and sharing support for 62 mobilizing doors to door campaign.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS from your offices and parish bulletins:

For more information or to get involved: Catholics Against the Death Penalty 323 2254461 x111 or *YesOn62.com Text CADP to 22828 to Join our Team*

California Conference of Catholic Bishops: “In November – the concluding month of the Year of Mercy – Californians have the opportunity to embrace both justice and mercy (cf. Ps. 85.11) in their voting. We strongly urge all voters to prayerful consider support for Proposition 62 and opposition to Proposition 66.”

ACTION EVENTS (send a parish representative and/or put in bulletin)

SEPT 24th at Holy Family, South Pasadena and on their website live stream, people around the state of California can join in a day of Mobilizing, with Pax Christi So Cal, St. Camillus, Catholics Against the Death Penalty, Interfaith California People of Faith against the Death Penalty and others. 9am-2pm or on line at HolyFamilySoPasadena.

FYI Schedule

8:30am Gather at the Church hall or at your local location

9am Reflection/Prayer

9:20 Announcement and Welcome by Pax Christi So Cal/CADP

9:30am Mike Farrell, CEO for Justice that Works/YesOn62.com “Why yes on 62 and no on 66 is so critical”

10:15pm Bishop David O’Connell, Catholic Bishop for San Gabriel Regional “Neighborhood Mobilizing”

11am We will leave the church or you leave your gathering spot and go door to door (we will have handouts for talking with people and door hangers if no one is at home.)

1pm Participants will bring their bag lunch and join with others in a gathering to hear what people experienced, the next steps and a closing ritual

2pm Dismissal (some might go back into the neighborhood)

**SUNDAY CATHOLIC/CHRISTIAN BIBLE TEXTS
HOMILY/SERMON IDEAS, PETITIONS AND BULLETIN
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Prepared by Catholics Against the Death Penalty/Pax Christi
So Cal/St Camillus Center**

SEPT 4th 2016 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 [WIS 9:13-18B](#)

Responsorial Psalm [90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17](#) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Reading 2 [PHMN 9-10, 12-17](#)

Gospel [LK 14:25-33](#)

Homily ideas: Sept 4th

The election season can divide families and communities as Luke's gospel mention. It also can be a time for conversations that we might avoid about values and priorities.

National elections and local elections invite us to "deliberations" that the book of Wisdom calls us to ponder with facts and prayerful reflection.

California gives us an opportunity to vote for life and to end the death penalty. The California Bishops call us into deliberation or discernment based on facts of costs, race and deterrence but especially on the moral focus. They have written: "In November – the concluding month of the Year of Mercy – Californians have the opportunity to embrace both justice and mercy (cf. Ps. 85.11) in their voting. We strongly urge all voters to prayerful consider support for Proposition 62 and opposition to Proposition 66."

"In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge." We invite all to take serious the elections before us, we encourage all who can vote to register and then to use these weeks to get facts, reflect and discuss knowing that God's will continue to be our refuge.

Petitions: Loving God, help us deliberate with your truth, the pain of victims and limitations of a system, so that we will respect life for the innocent and even the guilty. We pray....

Bulletin: Proposition 62 is one of the November many initiatives. Please register to vote, read about this proposal that would end the Death Penalty, move people from death row to Life without parole, increase retribution to the victim's families and save the state over \$150million.

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 TWENTY-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading [1EX 32:7-11, 13-14](#)

Responsorial Psalm [51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19](#) I will rise and go to my father.

Reading [21 TM 1:12-17](#)

Gospel [LK 15:1-32](#)

Homily ideas: Sept 11th

September 11th 2001 remains in our memory as a nation and the people that died on that day and in the years that have followed remain in our memory.

Jesus calls us to a place of reflection and reconciliation during this Year of Mercy. The story of the Father along with the Prodigal Son and elder son reminds us of our God who is looking after the victims' families and also seeking those guilty on death row to use that time to turn their lives around, get the mental help and spiritual care they need, and to change along with seeking forgiveness for the crimes they have done. Jesus calls us to that painful journey from vengeance to a justice that holds us all in God's hands.

Proposition 62 gives us a chance in California, and a model for the world, to be that witness of the Gospel of Jesus, the crucified one. We stand with all victims of violence like Jesus stands with the elder faithful son, but Jesus as the Good Father, calls us to go deep into our spirit and not oppose murder and violence with more killing.

What have we learned as a people and as a people of faith since 9/11? What is the way of Jesus and the way of healing?

Petitions: Loving God, as we remember the pain of 9/11 attacks on our land and all the people that died that day and in the wars that have followed, inspire us to be healers and instruments of peace. We pray.

Bulletin: Proposition 66 will end executions in California and save over \$150million per year. As Pope Francis as stated: A spreading opposition to the death penalty, even as an instrument of legitimate social defense, has developed in public opinion, and this is a sign of hope. In fact, modern societies have the ability to effectively control crime without definitively taking away a criminal's chance to redeem himself. The issue lies in the context of a perspective on a criminal justice system that is ever more conformed to the dignity of man and God's design for man and for society. And also a criminal justice system opens to the hope of reintegration in society. The commandment "thou shall not kill" has absolute value and pertains to the innocent as well as the guilty. (2/21/16 – Angelus)

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 TWENTY-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading [1AM 8:4-7](#)

Responsorial Psalm [113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8](#) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Reading [21 TM 2:1-8](#)

Gospel [LK 16:1-13](#)

HOMILY HELPS

Today's gospel faces us with the challenging question, who is our master and teacher? Is Jesus our master and our teacher or not? Jesus tells us that we cannot serve two masters...we will hate one and love the other. To follow Jesus as our master means that we follow his teachings—primarily his teaching, actually his command, to love as he loved. He said, "I give you a new command, to love as I love." It isn't a suggestion—it is a command. In the new command of Jesus to love, Jesus even took away the way of retribution which is so natural to our way of thinking. He said it's no longer an eye for an eye. All of life is sacred—ALL OF LIFE—womb to tomb—even the life of those who have committed violence against life. It doesn't belong to us to determine who lives or dies. And so we ask ourselves Is Jesus our Master and Teacher or not?

Petitions:

Give us hearts and minds and lives free from the desire for angry retribution. we pray.

Give us hearts filled with love and mercy that we may be at peace and love others as Jesus did,
We pray...

Bulletin:

"The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life: who will proclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life in every situation. A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. . . . I renew the appeal I made . . . for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary."— Saint Pope John Paul II Papal Mass, St. Louis, Missouri, January 27, 1999

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 TWENTY-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading [1AM 6:1A, 4-7](#)

Responsorial Psalm [146:7, 8-9, 9-10](#)

R. (1b) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reading [21 TM 6:11-16](#)

Gospels

HOMILY HELPS:

In today's gospel, what is the rich man's sin? Not that he actively does something mean to the poor man, but that he is simply blind to or doesn't notice, or doesn't pay any attention to Lazarus. And maybe that same sin that allows there to be so much poverty and suffering in today's world...people just don't see the poor or the oppressed. Or, if they encounter someone who is hungry or homeless or suffering they turn their eyes away instead of reaching out with compassion and mercy to assist them.

And so, we might ask ourselves who are those today whom we look away from and perhaps even lock up? During this upcoming election we are being asked by our Church leaders to look at those who are locked up and are on death row. We are being asked not to be blind to that suffering, but to encounter it and do what we can to change it.

This is not just a pragmatic calculation that we are being asked to make, but a spiritual statement about forgiveness and mercy. Pope Francis has called us not to be blind to the mystery of mercy but to bear witness that there is another way, the way of Jesus. As Saint Pope John XXIII said, "The Church prefers the medicine of mercy."

And so, we are being asked to vote to end the death penalty by voting yes on Prop 62.

PETITIONS:

Lord, help us not to be blind to the suffering of those who face the death penalty, we pray.

Lord, help us not to be blind to the mystery of your boundless loving mercy, we pray.

BULLETIN:

"The test of whether the death penalty can be used is whether society has alternative ways to protect itself, not how terrible the crime was. Life in prison without parole provides a non-lethal alternative to the death penalty. We can't know whether God has a purpose for a person's life, even one who has committed a terrible crime and must spend his or her life behind bars." (From the United States Catholic Bishops web site: www.USCCB.org)

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OCTOBER 2, 2016

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 [HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-4](#)

Responsorial Psalm [95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9](#) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading 2 [TM 1:6-8, 13-14](#)

Gospel [LK 17:5-10](#)

HOMILY HELPS

Ron Briggs, a past grand knight in the Knights of Columbus recently wrote: In 1978, my family wrote and sponsored the ballot initiative that expanded the death penalty back to California. We worked tirelessly to pass the initiative, putting in long days gathering signatures and late nights stuffing envelopes. Instituting the death penalty, we thought, would save Californians money, bring safety to our communities and provide closure to victims' families. We could not have been more wrong." Ron is now working with the California Bishops for a YES on 62 and NO on 66 initiatives to end the death penalty. The prophet in the first text reminds us that we will always stand with victims of crime and violence. As a church, we will always provide that pastoral support and be the voice for those whose love one have been murdered. We also are a church of the Gospel that says to the "mulberry tree, be uprooted and planted in the sea and it will obey you." We say that restorative justice is God's vision of mercy even the of worst of the worst. God says to us: "If today you hear my voice, harden not your hearts." We pray to God "Increase our faith." Let us be part of the ending of the cycle of violence that the death penalty continues. We say YES to 62 and YES TO LIFE.

Petitions: God of life, hold in your embrace all victims of violence including those murdered, injured and their circles of relatives and friends who remain in pain. Hold in your embrace and mercy and justice, those innocent or guilty in our jails as they turn toward you with a change of heart. We pray.

Bulletin

We encourage all to register to vote and especially young people to register if they are away from school. Help all citizens over 18 to register and get out the vote. You can help volunteer for this non-partisan effort or in support of proposition 62 by calling the office or the YesOn62.com website.

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OCTOBER 9, 2016 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading [12 KGS 5:14-17](#)

Responsorial Psalm [PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4](#) R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reading [22 TM 2:8-13](#)

Gospel [LK 17:11-19](#)

Homily Helps:

Tomorrow is World Day Against the Death Penalty and we continue as people of faith to celebrate "Respect Life" month. Pope Francis in his address to the US Congress about a year ago included the Catholic call to the world for the abolition of the death penalty. We as California citizens have the largest death penalty in the USA. We have the opportunity on November 8th to say to Jesus "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." We can join Pope Francis, along with Saint Pope John Paul II, Pope Paul VI and Pope Benedict XVI in calling for the end of killing to say no to the killing. "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving powers." "If we are unfaithful he remains faithful" is the promise God has made to us who daily prays the prayer "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Our Respect for ALL life calls us to oppose abortions, euthanasia, racism, poverty, sexism, bigotry along with the death penalty. Respect for Life demands that we work for the most vulnerable so we do this as we work for health care from conception to natural death, a comprehensive immigration policy, education and food for all and actions that honor all of God's creation and creatures. Lord heal us of the leprosy of the death penalty and may we be communities of healing for those killed, injured and effected by violence in our homes and among the nations. May we leave today and "stand up and Go" to help in causes for healing and justice, including voting for 62 and 57 to bring justice into our hearts, society and jail cells.

Petition: Lord, heal us of our pains of hurts so that we will not seek to inflict pain or even the death penalty on our sisters and brothers, we pray...

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OCTOBER 16, 2016 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 [EX 17:8-13](#)

Responsorial Psalm [121](#) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Reading 2 [TM 3:14-4:2](#)

Gospel [LK 18:1-8](#)

Homily Helps:

One of the characters in a Eugene O'Neil play laments that, "There is no present, no future, only the past happening over and over again now." Yes, it seems that we humans can get ourselves trapped in seemingly endless cycles of disagreement, conflict, and even violence. As St. Paul, in effect, once cried out, "Who will deliver me from these dead ends that I have created for myself." And so like the widow we cry out, yes we cry out for some kind of grace and mercy to break in and set us free at last. In today's gospel, Jesus reassures us that the one whom we cry out to will certainly respond and release the reign of his grace upon us as we persist in crying out, "Lord, help us!" Jesus reassures us that God's grace and mercy are not a scarce commodity but are endlessly available for us to draw upon in our need.

For years our Church leaders have persistently called for an end to the death penalty. All of the Bishops in California have endorsed Prop 62 which would end the death penalty and replace it with life in prison. The Church is now more and more clearly teaching that Capital Punishment is a Pro Life issue. Popes and Bishops have invited us to reflect on the deep moral and spiritual dimensions of the death penalty and ask us to keep calling out to the God of life and love and mercy for the salvation of all.

Petition: May we persist in seeking God's mercy and grace for ourselves and for all those on death row, we pray.

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OCTOBER 23, 2016 THIRTIETH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 [SIR 35:12-14, 16-18](#)

Responsorial Psalm [34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23](#) R. (7a) **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

Reading 2 [TM 4:6-8, 16-18](#)

Gospel [LK 18:9-14](#)

HOMILY HELPS: As usual, in today's gospel, Jesus, invites us to reflect more deeply on our customary understanding of things. In this gospel Jesus invites us to discover our deepest source of identity and dignity. Does our moralistic success or failure determine our God given identity and dignity? Or is it given to us from a deeper reality within us.... a presence within us? The Pharisee assumes it comes from his moralistic success which allows him to judge and dismiss the dignity of an obvious, public moral failure that the tax collector was seen as. In those times, tax collectors were seen as thieves, collaborating with the occupying Romans...they were seen as utter moral failures...no dignity at all. One time the German Poet Rilke wrote: "There is in each of us a secret center where God sits rejoicing and saying, 'This one is very good, nothing is lacking, and could not have been better made.'" It's like the moment in Genesis when God says, "This is very good." Each of us is invited to discover that goodness given to us prior to our moral successes or our moral failures and it from this, from this God-given goodness that our dignity originates. What is this deeper source of our dignity? It is that we are created in the image of God. Every single person in this world has this dignity. There are no exceptions. Not even the worst criminal act can erase this dignity. As we draw nearer to November 8 when we will cast our votes to keep or to eliminate the death penalty, that's what we are appealing to and pointing to and the Popes and Bishops have been telling us that we need to recognize. That even the worst criminal act doesn't destroy this dignity in God's eyes. We are called to humbly recognize that dignity in ourselves and in others and to recognize our own moral failures and not take the high ground of a pedestal righteousness over anyone. We are all capable of moral failure. We are not saying that those sentenced to death have not committed atrocities. We are saying that they do have a God given dignity, a dignity prior to moral success or failure and that the state has no right to take away their God given right to live until the end of their days. Sister Helen Prejean said, "A person is more than the worst thing he has ever done."

Who are we before we did anything good or anything bad? That's the person God loves and the dignity given to us...not contingent on moral success or moral failure. Those people who have been sentenced to death by our judicial system are not horrible people but people with a God given dignity who have done horrible things. Helen Prejean wonders who of us would want to be judged only by the worst thing that we have ever done.

PETITIONS:

Help us to be people whose dignity is sustained by a life of humble communion with God, we pray...
Free us from our own self-righteousness that we might discover the way of humbling abandoning ourselves to God's boundless mercy, we pray...

BULLETIN: Since the beginning of his ministry Pope Francis has advocated to end the death penalty. In his address to Congress last September he said, "Recently my brother bishops here in the United States renewed their call for the abolition of the death penalty. Not only do I support them, but I also offer encouragement to all those who are convinced that a just and necessary punishment must never exclude the dimension of hope and the goal of rehabilitation."

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OCTOBER 30, 2016 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 [WIS 11:22-12:2](#)

Responsorial Psalm [145](#) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Reading 2 [2 THESS 1:11-2:2](#)

Gospel [LK 19:1-10](#)

HOMILY HELPS: It seems that Jesus is always turning our world upside down about who's first and who's last and who's up and who's down in God's eyes. And with those on the outside brought back home inside and being embraced by God's all-embracing mercy and love. And he definitely does this in today's Gospel story about Zacchaeus, the short in stature tax collector who climbs a tree so he can see Jesus. All he wants to do is see Jesus. And see Jesus he does. And Jesus sees him. St. Francis of Assisi once said that "who you are in God's sight is who you are and nothing more or less." Yes, who you are in God's sight is who you are and nothing more or less. In today's gospel Zacchaeus, one of those tax collectors who are seen as the scum of the earth by the Jewish Religious leaders, like the one we heard about last week, is at last seen and known for who he truly is. And this seeing turns the life of Zacchaeus upside down, he is brought to full life in God. It is as if an inner spring of generosity flows again. He says, "I give away half of all my possessions."

Zacchaeus is turned around by the merciful loving and seeing of Jesus and like Zacchaeus Jesus helps us to be able to exchange what the world sees and values...namely money, power, success, and vengeance...for God's kingdom values: forgiveness, reconciliation, mercy, and inclusive love.

This election season we have before us a key spiritual issue and that is the elimination of the Death Penalty. In this Gospel story Jesus shows us that no one, no matter how despised by society, can escape the embrace of God's merciful and liberating love.

Maybe some questions as disciples of Jesus we need to ponder: do we Christians have hearts large and open enough and a love strong enough to live the all-embracing love of Jesus? Can we live out of the loving and merciful all-embracing love of Jesus? Can we participate in the seeing of Jesus which looks on all people with a tenderness and a compassion that sets them free? Can we withdraw our harsh judgements and leave room for the infinite goodness and mercy of Jesus to flow through us?

The gospel reminds us all that God looks at every life with merciful love and not with judgement. It calls on all us to open the eyes of our heart to see as God sees with mercy, tenderness, and compassion.

Petition:

Give us the grace to allow our lives to be turned upside down by the always surprising mercy and love of God, let us pray.

Open the eyes of our heart to see as God sees with infinite mercy, tenderness, and compassion, we pray.

Open the way forward for us as individuals and as a society faced with the spiritual question of capital punishment, we pray

Help us to discover a more merciful space in our political, economic, and social life, we pray

BULLETIN: "Nowadays the death penalty is inadmissible, no matter how serious the crime committed. It is an offence against the inviolability of life and the dignity of the human person, which contradicts God's plan for man and society, and his merciful justice, and impedes the penalty from fulfilling any just objective. It does not render justice to the victims, but rather fosters vengeance." Pope Francis

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NOVEMBER 6, 2016 THIRTY-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading [12 MC 7:1-2, 9-14](#)

Responsorial Psalm [17:1, 5-6, 8, 15](#) R. (15b) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Reading [22 THES 2:16-3:5](#)

Gospel [LK 20:27-38](#)

HOMILY HELPS:

The long election season comes to an end on Tuesday. Life in the Hebrew texts, throughout the ages values and faith often are the moral compass for government officials and policies. Our church calls us to vote, it is a sacred commitment. Our church calls us to reflect and pray. We are to be informed on the persons or initiatives goals and effect on the most vulnerable. The Beatitudes, along with Jesus' vision of "serving the least" need to be part of our discernment. We as a church do not endorse a candidate but invite all to read the platforms and person's history or current statement. Initiatives like Proposition 62 (vote Yes) has gotten a clear endorsement by the California Bishops affirming the papal teaching of the past century that ending the death penalty is a part of the affirmation of the dignity of each life as sacred. Proposition 62 will also address the concerns of many around the costs of killing citizens, the concerns of innocents and racism and mental illness. Proposition 66 has the Bishops opposition, vote No, because it continues the death penalty with all its problems and it misses the moral argument of Jesus, Popes and bishops that gives each of us in our darkest moment the hope of reconciliation, charge of life and restorative justice that includes the justice and healing of all who are victims of violence.

The Gospel reminds us of God's faithful and our invitation to reflect faithfulness in commitments of the sacrament of marriage and in all friendships. Jesus puts us into the context that our God is not of the past but is of the living in this moment. We bring that faith of God in the here and now into all of our daily decisions, our own self-reflection, our relationships at home, work, school and in the public arena. Hatred and bigotry will also be opposed by the Church the week before and the weeks after an election. Healing and restorative justice will always be affirmed the week before and the weeks after the election. The Beatitude vision of Jesus for the Church and society remains the litmus test for ourselves and our participation in civil society. For new votes and old, let us all vote.

The second reading reminds of that "the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you are doing and will continue to do. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.

Petition:

God of Wisdom, as election day approaches, we seek wisdom from you and our biblical social justice teaching on voting for persons and initiatives that effect all of your people including the most vulnerable. Bless this process of discernment, voting and service for the common good...

Loving and faithful God, you are the God of the living, be with us as we take your Word of life and justice into the conversations and voting booths of our lives.

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