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New National Crusade Seeks to Abolish Death Penalty Across the United States

CHICAGO, IL — In a bold and urgent moral campaign, the *Crusade to End the Death Penalty* has launched a nationwide movement to abolish capital punishment throughout the United States. Founded by Rev. Matthew David González, J.D., the organization calls the death penalty “a relic of a more brutal era” and urges Americans to embrace a justice system rooted in mercy, human dignity, and healing.

“Over 190 people have been exonerated from death row,” said González. “Every wrongful conviction is a tragic failure of justice. Our nation cannot continue to carry out executions in a system so deeply infected by racial bias, prosecutorial misconduct, and irreversible error.”

The Crusade challenges the myth that the death penalty deters crime or brings closure to victims’ families. Citing decades of research, González emphasizes that capital punishment is not only morally indefensible but also economically wasteful. “Billions of taxpayer dollars have been squandered on a system that fails to protect us and denies the possibility of redemption,” he said.

Rooted in faith and human rights, the campaign has drawn support from a growing interfaith coalition. The organization’s website highlights strong opposition to the death penalty from the Catholic Church, mainline Protestant denominations, Jewish and Muslim scholars, and Buddhist leaders. Victims’ families, exonerees, and former corrections officers have also joined the call for abolition, offering powerful testimony about the harm this system causes to all involved.

“True justice is never served by another death,” González emphasized. “We must honor the lives of victims by building a world where violence is not met with violence, but with compassion, accountability, and hope.”

The *Crusade to End the Death Penalty* invites lawmakers, faith communities, legal professionals, and concerned citizens to join the movement. The organization provides research, educational resources, and opportunities for advocacy and public engagement at:

 www.crusadetoendthedeathpenalty.org

About the Founder

Rev. Matthew David González, J.D., is a public advocate, lawyer, teacher, and faith leader with a lifelong commitment to justice and reconciliation. He draws on deep experience in both the legal and religious communities to lead this movement with integrity and compassion. He can be reached directly at matthewdgonzalez@gmail.com.