Louisiana’s Death Penalty

WHY R.E.P.E.A.L.?  
**LIFE:** The Effective Alternative to the Death Penalty

A Life Sentence In Louisiana Means Life With No Possibility Of Parole

For a prisoner serving a life sentence for first degree murder, there is no possibility of parole or pardon. Over 4500 inmates are serving life at Angola. Except for evidence of innocence, it is not possible for them to be paroled or pardoned. Angola has hospice and cemetery for inmates who die there.

Life Without The Possibility Of Parole Is An Incredibly Harsh Punishment

A life sentence in Louisiana is a sentence of hard labor. When a person is sentenced to life in Louisiana, the sentence at hard labor begins immediately.

A Life Sentence Provides Finality And Certainty

When we sentence someone to life imprisonment, the sentence begins right away, this provides a certainty and finality that victims’ families deserve. On the contrary, there is nothing final about a death sentence. From 1974 to 2015, 76% of Louisiana’s death sentences were reversed and 6% resulted in exoneration. This means there was an 82% error rate, and only 18% of the death sentences were upheld. The death penalty is a False Promise to victims and communities. Life, on the other hand, is a punishment this is guaranteed and begins the moment the defendant leaves the Courthouse.
Promote Life: End The Death Penalty In Louisiana

A culture of life embraces the belief that we are all created in the image of God. We have the alternative of a life sentence which upholds the sanctity of human life.

We Don’t Need The Death Penalty To Keep Us Safe

To take the life of a prisoner who has been removed from society is unnecessary and contrary to the belief that all life is sacred and should be protected.

The Death Penalty Puts Innocent Lives At Risk

The pro-life community stands against the taking of innocent life, and we know that the death penalty threatens innocent life. Mistakes are made and wrongful convictions are a reality. There’s no room for the death penalty in a culture of life.

A Life Sentence Leaves Room For Redemption And Restoration

“As surely as I live, declares the sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they would turn from their ways and live.”

- Ezekiel 33:11

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