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**2004 National Weekend of Faith in Action on the Death Penalty:
October 22-24, 2004**

This weekend, October 22-24, 2004, marks the Seventh Annual **National Weekend of Faith in Action on the Death Penalty (NWFA)**, coordinated by Amnesty International USA's Program to Abolish the Death Penalty. Each year AIUSA invites individuals of all faiths, local congregations and interfaith groups, and national religious organizations to devote some time to the death penalty issue, using their own faith traditions as a starting point. In the words of Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*: "The movement to abolish the death penalty needs the religious community because the heart of religion is about compassion, human rights, and the indivisible dignity of each human person made in the image of God." During this weekend, our community will stand in solidarity with people of faith throughout the United States in proclaiming our belief in the value and dignity of each and every human life.

Throughout the weekend, please consider ways that you can affirm the dignity of all human life by expressing opposition to the death penalty. Please take a few minutes to pray for the people on all sides of the death penalty – crime victims and their families, those on death row and their families, lawyers, judges, juries, prison workers, chaplains, and all those who work on behalf of death row inmates. You do not need to "choose a side" to participate. Here at St. Augustine's Church, we will be observing the Weekend of Faith in Action by hosting Keisha Sanders, who will speak to us about her opposition to the death penalty for her grandmother's killer. The event will take place in the church library immediately after the service on October 24. For more information about local activities, please contact Kim Brown at 202-575-5647. To learn more about the NWFA or about Amnesty International, please visit www.amnestyusa.org/abolish/faithinaction. For an overview of the Catholic Church's statements on the death penalty, visit <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/national/dea.htm>.