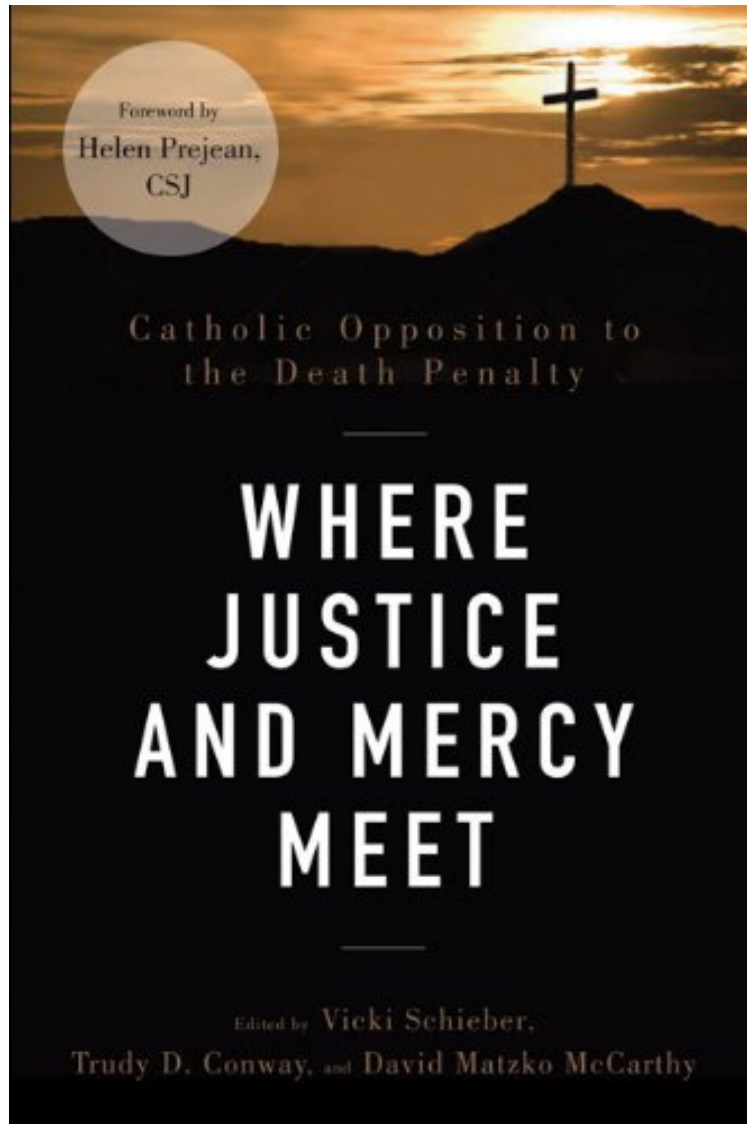


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love this book!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Moving hearts and minds in the direction of lifeBy Anthony BosnickThis book looks at reasons for Catholic opposition to the death penalty from several different directions. As a person who once supported capital punishment but changed my view after hearing a presentation on reasons for Catholic opposition (in light of Catholic social teaching, particularly the importance of the "dignity of person"), I know that people's views can evolve and change. Hopefully, this book of 16 chapters looking at Catholic understanding of the death penalty will have some chapters that will resonate with a person reading the book.I have heard the irrepressible Vicki Schieber (the editor of this work and a contributor) speak on this topic several times. Her story is remarkable, and illustrates that God touches hearts, even in and through great suffering. She and the other writers articulate the different positions quite well.The book is good for personal study and for reading in a book club. The questions for discussion at the end of each chapter should be valuable to help people get to the heart of the matter.I highly recommend this book and think I will propose it as a book for our Catholic parish book club to read. Since it is not ponderous in tone, it should be accessible to most readers.

Where Justice and Mercy Meet: Catholic Opposition to the Death Penalty comprehensively explores the Catholic stance against capital punishment in new and important ways. The broad perspective of this book has been shaped in conversation with the Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the Use of the Death Penalty, as well as through the witness of family members of murder victims and the spiritual advisors of condemned inmates.The book offers the reader new insight into the debates about capital punishment; provides revealing, and sometimes surprising, information about methods of execution; and explores national and international trends and movements related to the death penalty. It also addresses how the death penalty has been intertwined with racism, the high percentage of the mentally disabled on death row, and how the death penalty disproportionately affects the poor.The foundation for the church's position on the death penalty is illuminated by discussion of the life and death of Jesus, Scripture, the Mass, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the teachings of Pope John Paul II. Written for concerned Catholics and other interested readers, the book contains contemporary stories and examples, as well as discussion questions to engage groups in exploring complex issues.

Abolition of the death penalty deserves the same support as abolition of slavery. Not only Catholics but the general public increasingly believes that innocent people are executed because the criminal justice system is patently unfair for a host of reasons and is not needed for public safety. Where Justice and Mercy Meet: Catholic Opposition to the Death Penalty is a treasure trove of information on the necessity and urgency to abolish an antiquated approach to capital crimes.