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Statement from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston in response to the S.C. Senate passing a bill regarding the death penalty

CHARLESTON, SC – The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston released the below statement in response to the South Carolina Senate passing a bill regarding the death penalty. The statement should be attributed to Maria Aselage, spokesperson for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston.

“We are extremely disappointed that a bill related to the death penalty passed the S.C. Senate without the opportunity for public comment. It is long past time to abolish the death penalty in South Carolina, not to find new ways to execute our brothers and sisters, including by firing squad. Every person is created in the likeness of God; their lives should be protected from the time of conception until natural death.

“We urge members of the S.C. House of Representatives to vote against the bill, and to redirect the energy and resources that currently go toward executions into providing assistance to victims’ families in the aftermath of their terrible loss.”

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