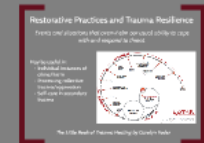


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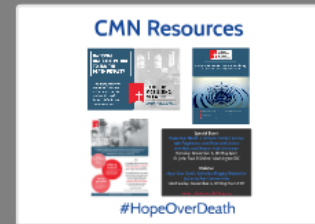
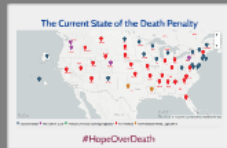
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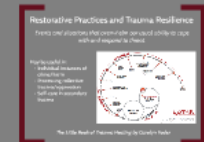
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God of Mercy,

You bestow upon every person a dignity that cannot be extinguished, no matter the harm someone has suffered or caused.

Rooted in this sacred value of all life, we work together to transform the criminal justice system by ending the death penalty. Enliven our commitment to “work with determination for its abolition worldwide.”

Ignite in our imaginations more restorative approaches to harm and violence that embody Your vision of right relationship.

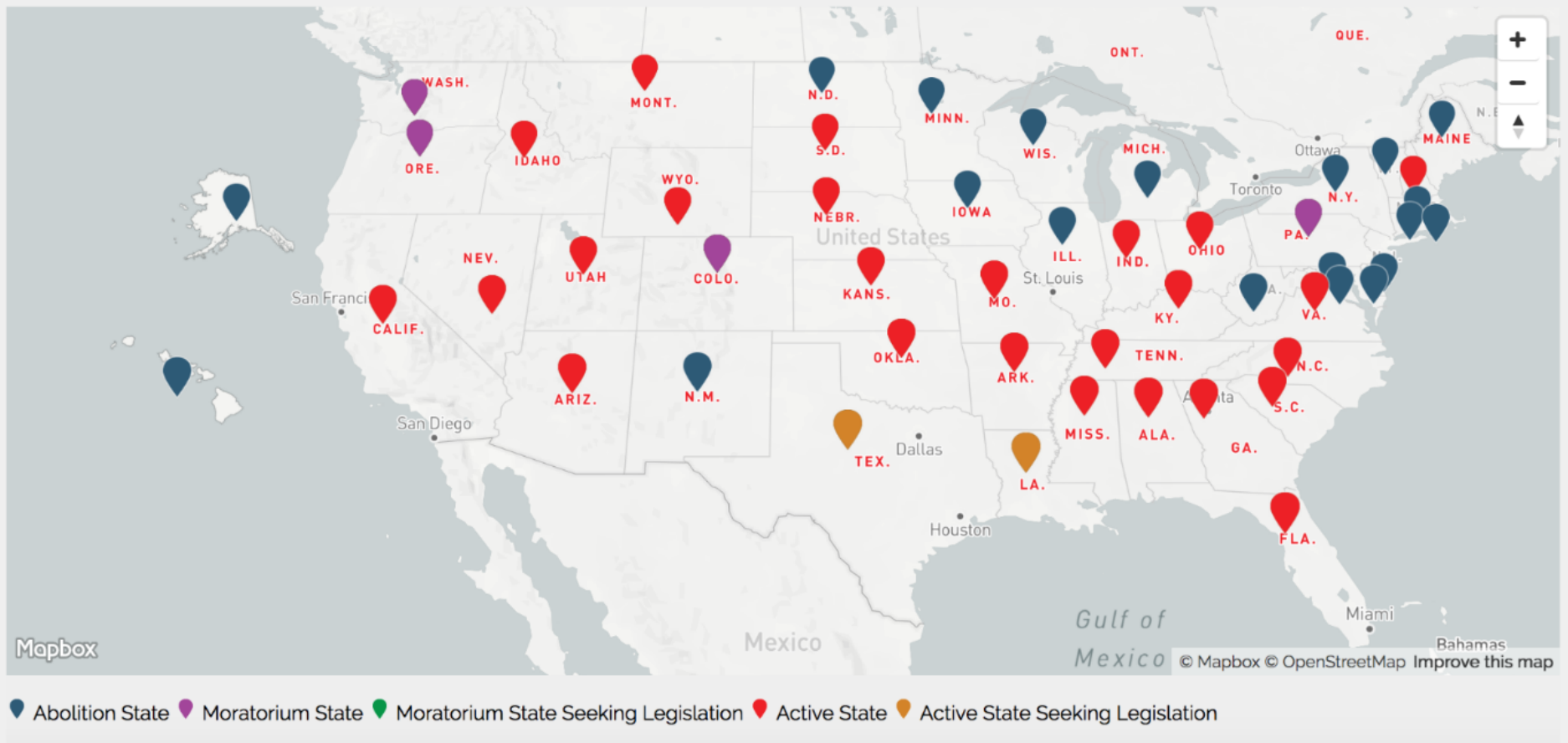
For any person who is a victim of, responsible for, or witness to crime, may we be vessels of Your hope, healing, and redemption.

Embolden in us the fire to foster a culture of life. Sustain our pursuit of reconciling justice, that we may model your compassion and mercy with our lives.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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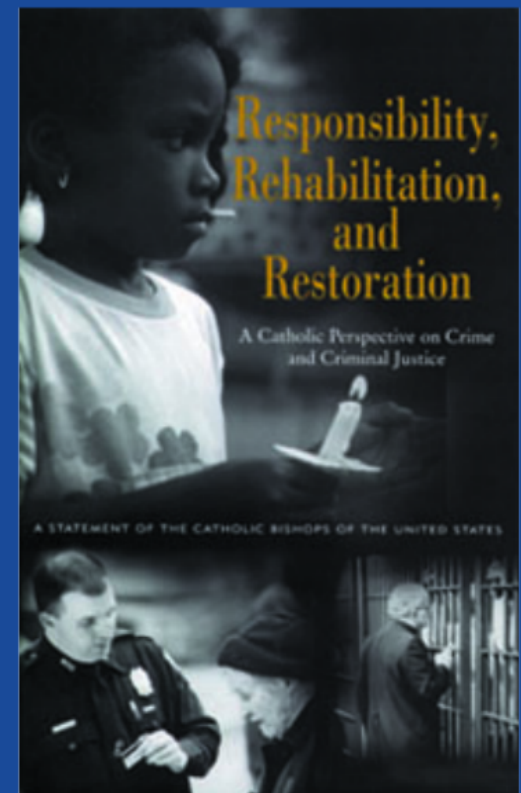
The Catholic Call to Restorative Justice



"Experience tells us that enhancing and enforcing penalties often fails to resolve social problems, nor do they result in reducing the crime rate..."

In many cases the offender fulfills his punishment objectively, serving his sentence but without changing inside or healing his wounded heart."

--Pope Francis



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Restorative Circles

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- *Addressing conflict*
- *Processing grief*
- *Inclusive decision making*

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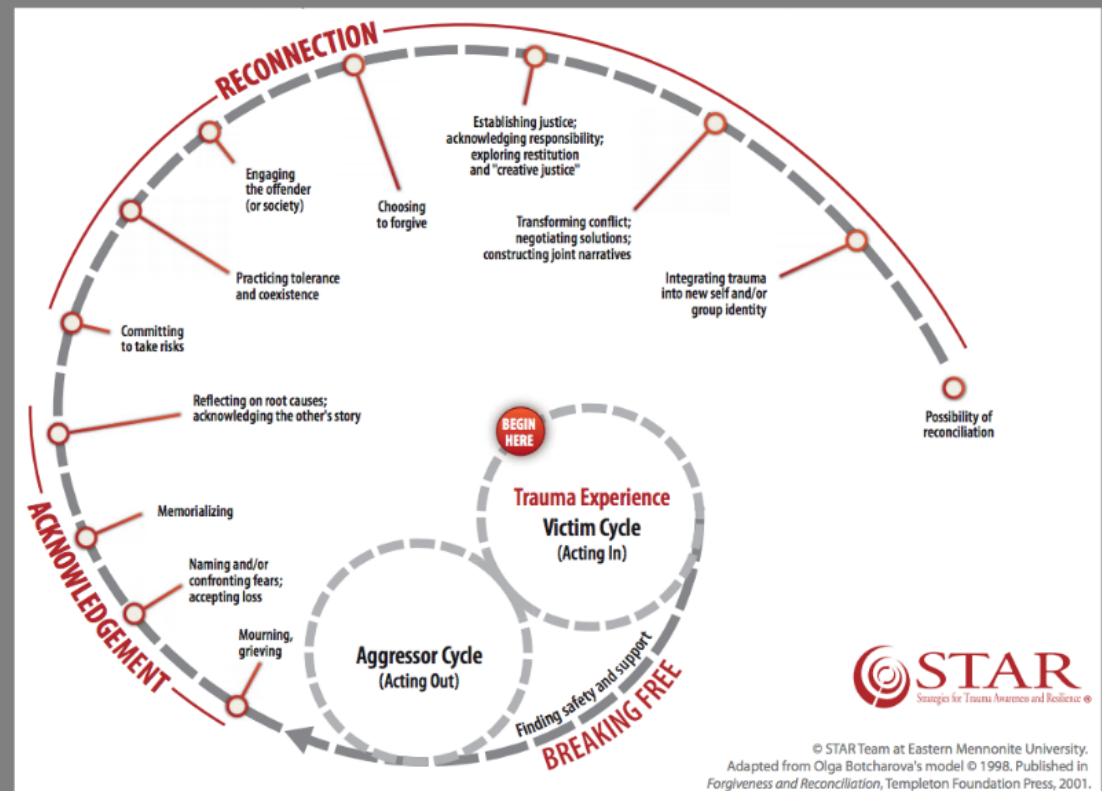
- *Support for victims*
- *Support for families of incarcerated*
- *Victim-Offender Dialogue*
- *Re-entry planning*
- *Addressing conflict*

Restorative Practices and Trauma Resilience

Events and situations that overwhelm our usual ability to cope with and respond to threat.

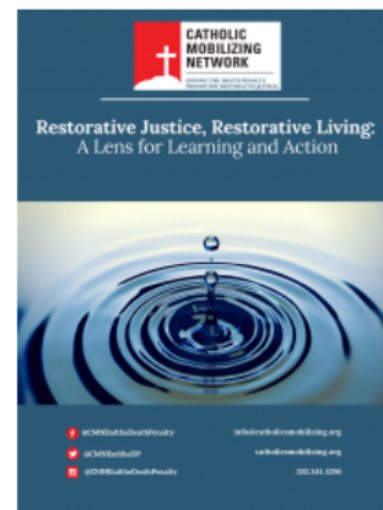
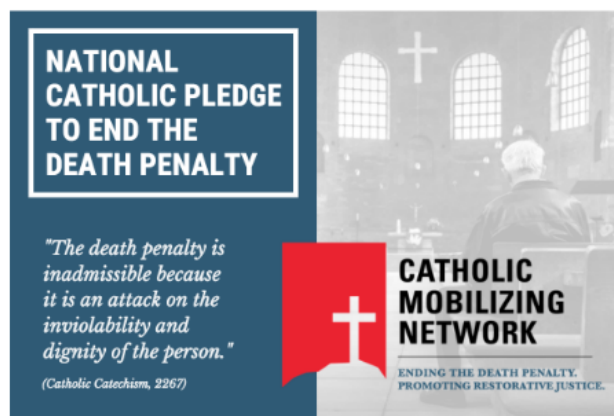
May be useful in:

- Individual instances of crime/harm
- Processing collective trauma/oppression
- Self-care in secondary trauma



The Little Book of Trauma Healing by Carolyn Yoder

CMN Resources



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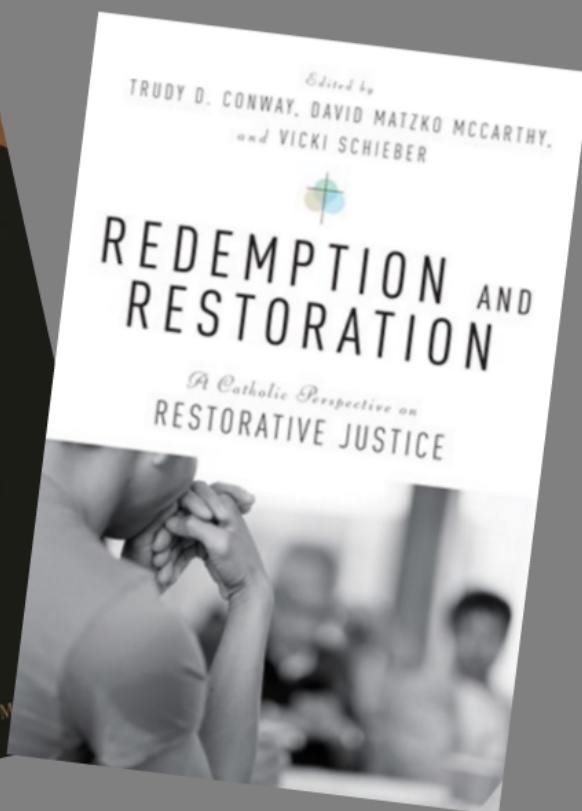
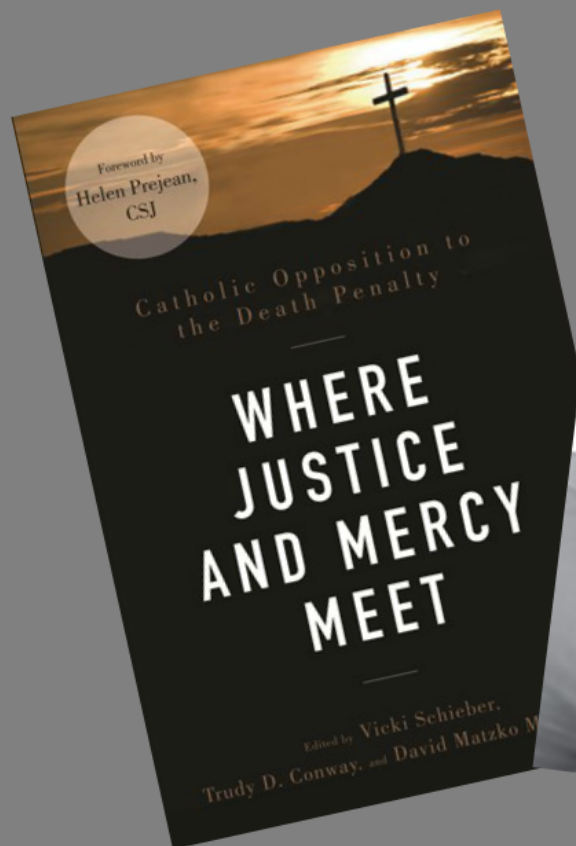
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