

# **Macon County Citizens Opposing Capital Punishment Collection**

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**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

The Macon County Citizens Opposing Capital Punishment (MCCOCP) organization started in 2002. This organization was created as an off-shoot of Illinois Coalition on the Death Penalty (ICADP) by Sr. JoAn Schullian and other members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, and expanded to include members from all over Macon County. MCCOCP worked to abolish the death penalty in Illinois through petitions, programs, speakers, and lobbying state officials. The group disbanded in 2012 after the death penalty was banned in Illinois in 2011.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains documents and photographs pertaining to the Macon County Citizens Opposing Capital Punishment organization, and is 4 linear feet.

The collection did not have a distinct order to it. The news clipping binder from Mary Mose was left in the same order but removed from the binder. The rest of the collection was organized with the researcher in mind.

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“Capital Punishment Reform – What’s Been Done and What Remains to be Done” by Thomas P. Sullivan (4/2004)		FF 9
“Criminal Justice Reform Education Fund”		FF 10
“A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death”		FF 11
“Death Penalty is ‘Pretty Fair Definition of Murder’” by John Dunn		FF 12
“Death Penalty: Lethal Injection on Trial” by Kavan Peterson (3/26/2006)		FF 13
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“Lawyers Foresee Lasting Impact of Death Penalty Reforms” by David Ferrara (2/2004)		FF 15
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“Nobel Peace Prize Nominee to Give Mangan Lecture” by Bob Sampson		FF 18
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“A Prayer to Abolish the Death Penalty” by Helen Prejean, CSJ		FF 20
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System: A Status Report” by Thomas P. Sullivan (1/2008)		
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“Within These Walls: Memoirs for a Death House Chaplain” by Rev. Carroll Pickett		FF 4
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**XXI. Audio/Visual**

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“Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues” Sr. Helen Prejean program at Millikin University (9/13/2005)	
Edwin Colfax photos CD (2003)	

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