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God and Father of our  
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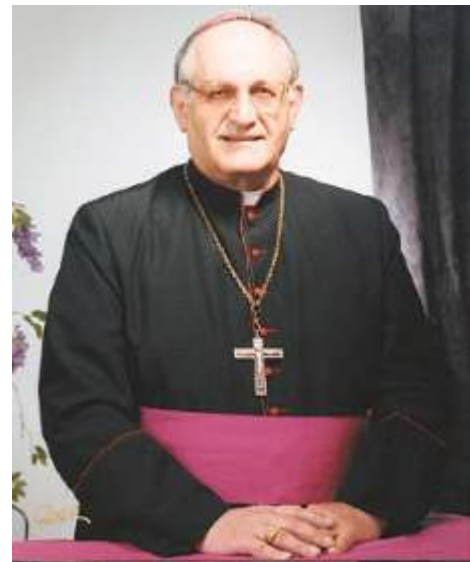
## Congratulations to Archbishop Fiorenza!

### Bishops praise New Jersey lawmakers for vote to abolish death penalty

Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston stated that New Jersey's recent abolition of the death penalty is "a great step forward."

"I hope it is a harbinger of things to come and that people will realize that the death penalty is no longer necessary in order to properly deter horrendous crimes," said the Archbishop. "The use of the death penalty usurps God's absolute dominion over human life. That's what states do when they put someone to death. They are usurping God's power over all human life."

He said a fundamental argument against the death penalty is for society to "determine if its endorsement of violence begets violence, and if violence undermines our commitment to the sanctity of life."..click [here](#) to read more...



Archbishop Fiorenza will be honored on January 26th for his commitment to abolishing the death penalty in Texas by the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. The Texas Catholic Conference applauds Archbishop Fiorenza's tireless work for this

cause.

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