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Catholic leaders in Ohio stressed the need to replace the death penalty with mercy and spiritual conversion, following the execution of convicted child murderer Ronald Phillips.

The Catholic Church believes that the death penalty is an unnecessary and systemically flawed form of punishment, the Ohio Catholic Conference said in a statement.

The Catholic bishops of Ohio sought mercy for Mr. Phillips because of the belief that spiritual conversion is possible and that all life even that of the worst offender has value and dignity.

May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, the conference said.

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