

## *Dead Man Walking— The Journey Continues*

## Sister Helen Prejean

Thursday, October 13, 2011  
7:00—8:00 p.m.

St. Clare of Assisi  
Catholic Church  
1411 Cross Street  
O'Fallon, Illinois 62269



Sister Helen Prejean was born on April 21, 1939, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille (now known as The Congregation of St. Joseph) in 1957 and received a B.A. in English and Education from St. Mary's Dominican College, New Orleans in 1962. In 1973, she earned an M.A. in Religious Education from St. Paul's University in Ottawa, Canada.

Sister Prejean began her prison ministry in 1981 when she dedicated her life to the poor of New Orleans. While living in the St. Thomas housing project, she became pen pals with Patrick Sonnier, the convicted killer of two teenagers, sentenced to die in the electric chair of Louisiana's Angola State Prison.

Sister's two books, *Dead Man Walking* and *Death of Innocents* will be for sale after the event and Sister Helen will be available to sign them.

"The greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My Mercy. ... On the cross, the fountain of My Mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls—no one have I excluded!" (Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska: *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, 1182)

"Help us O God of our salvation;...according to the great power, preserve those doomed to die!" (Psalm 79:9,11)

"When the state, in our names and with our taxes, ends a human life despite having non-lethal alternative, it suggests society can overcome violence with violence." (USCCB, *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*, 2005)



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**Pre-registration is appreciated.**

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