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## **An Invitation from Bishop Earl Boyea to the Lansing Catholic Criminal Justice Reform Network Dialogue**

On behalf of the Diocese of Lansing, the Michigan Catholic Conference, and the Lumen Christi Institute, I invite you to participate in an upcoming day of dialogue entitled “Doing Justice and Loving Mercy: A Michigan Conversation on Criminal Justice.” The program will occur on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at Saint Mary Cathedral Parish Hall in Lansing.

The purpose of this gathering is to foster a culture of encounter among those responsible for our criminal justice system, those affected by it, and those who minister to those involved within it and to draw more deeply upon the social teachings of the Catholic Church to build a more just and humane system. This event is part of a series of nationwide dialogues organized in partnership with the Catholic Criminal Justice Reform Network. I pray this gathering will facilitate a fruitful encounter between those charged with administering our criminal justice system and those most directly affected by it, particularly former offenders and victims of crime. These have become important forums for Catholics and people of goodwill to bridge divisions in our country and to invite religious wisdom to weigh in on reforming criminal justice in America.

The program will take place from 5 to 8:30 PM. An optional Mass will be officiated by me at 5 pm; dinner and the program will follow. To join this conference, please register [here](#) or contact Michael Le Chevallier, at CCJRN@lumenchristi.org. Those planning the day will appreciate the favor of a prompt reply.

I hope you can attend this important conversation. You and those whom God has called you to serve are in my prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,  
The Most Reverend Earl Boyea  
Bishop of Lansing

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