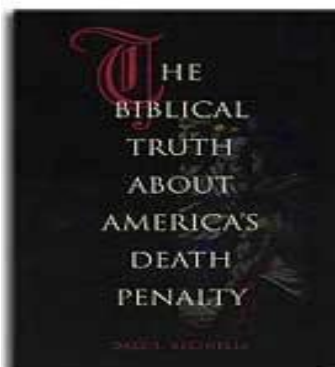


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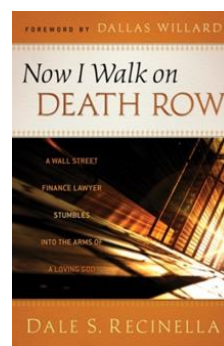
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*Now I Walk on Death Row: A Wall Street Finance Lawyer Stumbles into the Arms of a Loving God*  
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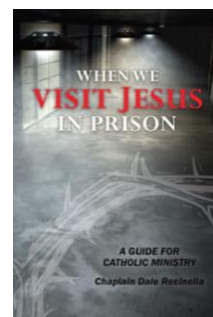
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**Dale's newest book**  
***When We Visit Jesus in Prison:***  
***A Guide for Catholic Ministry* (Chicago: ACTA, 2016)**  
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Soon to be available in Italian through EDI (Editrice Domenicana Italiana)



## **Dale S. Recinella, J.D., M.T.S. & Susan M. Recinella, Psy.D.**

**Dale S. Recinella**, author of the books listed above and “Why American Catholics Must Say ‘No’ to the Death Penalty,” *America*, November 1, 2004, and a contributing author to *Routledge Handbook on Capital Punishment*, eds. Robert M. Bohm and Gavin Lee (Routledge: New York, 2018), has served for over twenty-five years as a spiritual counselor and Catholic Correctional Chaplain in Florida’s prisons. On behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Florida, in 1998 he began ministering cell-to-cell to the then ≈ 400 men on Florida’s death row and the ≈ 2000 men in Florida’s long-term solitary confinement. He and his wife, Dr. Susan Recinella, have ministered as a team during executions: he serving as spiritual advisor to the condemned and she serving as lay minister to the condemned’s family and loved ones. They also minister to the families and loved ones of murder victims in non-capital cases.

Mr. Recinella, who received a Master’s in Theological Studies (M.T.S.) *summa cum laude* from Ave Maria University’s Institute for Pastoral Theology (2009) and law degree *magna cum laude* from Notre Dame University Law School (1976), is a licensed Florida lawyer and has taught international law/business ethics in Europe, at the undergraduate and graduate levels, at *St. John’s University at the Vatican (Oratorio)* and at *Temple University in Rome*. He has been a *Community of Faith* columnist for *The Tallahassee Democrat*; his column about respect life, the death penalty and prison ministry appeared regularly statewide for eleven years (1999-2010) in *The Florida Catholic* newspaper of the Catholic Bishops of Florida; and he received a Year 2000 Press Award from Catholic Press Association. He has presented the weekly two-hour multi-faith program for the faith & character-based dorm at Union Correctional Institution (Raiford) (“UCI”).

At the statewide Red Mass of the Florida Bishops, he was presented the 2016 *Holy Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*, the highest Papal Honor a lay person can receive in the Catholic Church, issued by Pope Francis for distinguished service to the church. In 1997 he was named a University of Notre Dame Exemplar for modeling faith and citizenship in action; was named *Citizen Volunteer of the Year (2000)* by the chaplains of UCI and (2013) by the Executive Staff of Florida State Prison; received the *Year 2001 Humanitarian Award* from the Franciscan Alumni Association; the *2011 Law & Spirituality Award* from the Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Diocese of St. Augustine and the *2017 Dove Award for Extraordinary Service to the Tallahassee Community* from Good News Outreach, Tallahassee. He has appeared frequently on worldwide Vatican Radio and, with his wife, extensively addresses audiences nationally and in Europe.

**Dr. Susan Margaret Recinella**, author of “Witnessing the Pietà: I have learned from Mary how to help those who mourn”, *The Word Among Us*, October 2015, was awarded her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) at Nova University, School of Psychology, Fort Lauderdale, FL (1986), is licensed in Florida and Georgia with a specialty in working with the severely mentally ill and served for over thirteen years as a Senior Psychologist at Northeast Florida State Hospital, Macclenny, FL where she was the Director of Internship Training for her last 8 years. Dr. Recinella now serves in that role on staff at the Florida State University Counseling Center in Tallahassee, the city where she has previously been a fellow in private practice working with children, adolescents and adults. She is a member of the Florida Psychological Association and has participated in death row ministry by ministering to the families of inmates on deathwatch, especially during the time of execution. She has also ministered to the female inmates (Federal) housed at the Baker County Jail and served for ten years as Coordinator of the Parish Praise and Worship Choir at St. Mary’s Catholic Church for the monthly parish healing services. She and her husband have raised five children and have ten grandchildren.

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