

January 8th, 2012 Sunday

Dear Sister,

Hi there how are you Sister? I received your letter Friday thank you so much for your letter & taking the time to write & for all your prayers.

Could you please tell all the Sisters of St. Agnes thank you for their prayers and thoughts. Yes, I have an execution date set for January 18th & I am so looking forward to going home to be with God. I have been on death row for the past 26 years and I have fought & went as far as I can go in hopes to get off death row but I was turned down for clemency on December 21, 2011. All 8 members of the board turned me down. When I went into that hearing Sister Ruth I was honest and admitted to what I did & took responsibility for what I did. I told the victim's family how sorry I am and I didn't try to blame my wrongs and mistakes on anyone or anything.

A few years ago I changed my life Sister & turned my life over to God and put my life into his hands. God has changed my life so much since that day. I'm happier than I've ever been. My fear of death has been wiped away with God's promise of eternal life with him in heaven.

I kind of knew Sister that I wouldn't receive clemency but I didn't expect the whole board would vote in favor of death rather than spare my life. I've known inmates who go in with lies about why they did what they did hoping the board would feel compassion and I've seen the inmates receive clemency. But Sister if I did that I would be the same person when I came to death row a sinner, a liar, and a murderer and that's not who I am today. I am Charles Lorraine and am saved and I have asked God for forgiveness & I believe in my heart that he has forgiven me. That is who I want to be and if being that person cost me my life then I'm willing to accept death to accept death.

These past few months I can't tell you how much God has blessed me been there for me and loved me and I feel him every day. People ask me all the time am I scared. I will tell them I'm not scared. At one time I was and that's because I wasn't saved. And I have been scared because going to hell is scary. But the minute I got saved God took that fear from my heart and replaced it with loved and salvation – eternal life. Receiving your letter, Sister is just another showing to me how much he loves me and wants me to know I am going to be ok and people out there love me. Isn't God wonderful?

Before I got saved I remember hearing your name & how you and the other Sisters are against Capital Punishment Thank you Sister to you and all the sisters there who show their love to us on death row and speak out against Capital Punishment. I believe one person can make a difference. God bless you and all the sisters for all you do.

Early in 2011 a friend I call Grandma Pat asked me if I would write a paper, something about my life and how I ended up in death row so I did and sent it to Grandma Pat and the reason she asked me to do this was because she hopes it will help other kids not make the same mistakes I made. It's 18 pages long. At the moment I am not able to send you a copy but if you like a copy I can write my pastor and just let him

know you are a friend of mine and I told you about and he will send you a copy ok. This small book was not written to make money in any kind of way it's free to anyone who would like it. I'm not able to be out there in the free world and make a difference and help others like I so much want to, but I hope in some way writing this it will help someone.

Well, Sister, I'm going to end. May God bless you all and the sisters there at St. Agnes. Thank you so much for caring and for your letter.

Love and prayers,

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