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An Integration of Scripture, Law, History,
Statistics, and Theology Establishing That
We Cannot Use The Bible to Support
The American Death Penalty

Now I Walk on Death Row: A Wall Street Finance Lawyer Stumbles into the Arms of a Loving God (Chosen Books, April 2011), a personal sharing of his journey to death row and his experiences of death row ministry is available for order through Amazon.com in paperback and on Kindle.

It is also available in Italian under the title: Nel braccio della morte (released in Italy by San Paolo Edizioni, January 1, 2012).

Now it is also available in French under the title: Couloir de la Mort, Chemin de vie - Un avocat financier de Wall Street se découvre dans l'amour de Dieu (released in France by Editions Bénédictines, December 1, 2013).

Dale’s newest book is planned for publication Summer 2016:
When We Visit Jesus in Prison:
A Resource Book for Catholic Prison Ministry
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Dale S. Recinella, author of the books listed above, has served for 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 \( \approx 400 \) men on Florida’s death row and the \( \approx 2,000 \) men in Florida’s long-term solitary confinement.

For 17 years, he and his wife, Dr. Susan Recinella, have ministered as a team during executions: he serving as spiritual advisor to the condemned and his wife serving as a lay minister to the condemned’s family and loved ones. They also minister to the families and loved ones of murder victims.

Mr. Recinella, who received a Masters 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; and has designed and taught *Credible and Responsible Ministry in Prison*, Certificate Program in Prison and Detention Ministry, at Saint Leo University Theology Department, Saint Leo, Florida USA (2013 - 2015).

He has been a *Community of Faith* columnist for *The Tallahassee Democrat*; and his column about respect life, the death penalty and prison ministry appeared regularly for eleven years (1999 – 2010) in *The Florida Catholic*, statewide newspaper of the Catholic Bishops of Florida. He has received:

- *Holy Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* (2016), the highest Papal Honor a lay person can receive, issued by Pope Francis for distinguished service to the church.


- *University of Notre Dame Exemplar*, faith and citizenship in action (1997).

- *Citizen Volunteer of the Year*, by the Executive Staff of Florida State Prison (2013) and the chaplains of Union Correctional Institution (2000).

Has appeared frequently on worldwide Vatican Radio, extensively addresses audiences nationally and in Europe, and with Dr. Susan, has raised 5 children.

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