



CATHOLIC MOBILIZING NETWORK  
**FILM LIST**



## **Dead Man Walking**

Directed by Tim Robbins

DEATH PENALTY

PRISON MINISTRY

A convicted murderer on death row and the nun who befriends him. Through the portrayal of finely drawn characters and their interactions as the days, hours, and minutes tick down to the condemned man's execution, powerful emotions are unleashed. While Matthew Poncelet and Sister Prejean desperately try to gain a stay of execution from the governor or the courts, scenes are intercut from the brutal crime, gradually revealing the truth about the events that transpired. In addition to her temporal help, the nun also tries to reach out spiritually and assist as a guide to salvation.



## **Just Mercy**

Directed by Destin Daniel Cretton

DEATH PENALTY

EXONEREES

RACIAL JUSTICE

This award-winning film adaptation of Bryan Stevenson's bestselling memoir tells the story of Walter McMillian, a black man wrongfully-convicted of the murder of a white woman in 1980's Alabama.

After watching the film, be sure to visit CMN's Just Mercy Catholic Study Guide at: [catholicismobilizing.org/just-mercy-guide](https://catholicismobilizing.org/just-mercy-guide)

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL



WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS

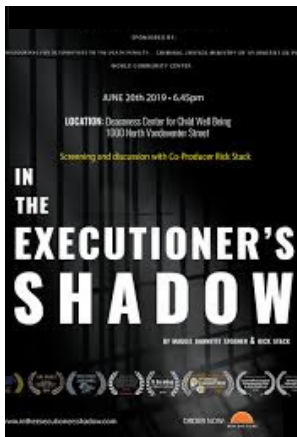
STELLA MAR

## **Where There Is Darkness**

Directed by Werner Herzog

DEATH PENALTY

**Where There Is Darkness** documents the true story of Fr. Rene Robert, a beloved priest who reached out from beyond the grave to save the life of the man who murdered him.

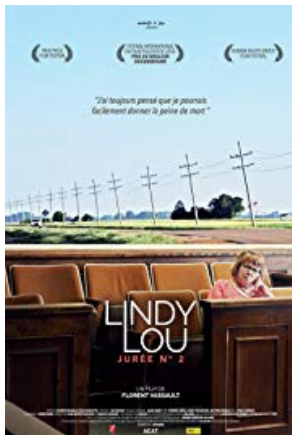


## ***In the Executioner's Shadow***

Directed by Maggie Burnette Stogner and Rick Stack

DEATH PENALTY

**In the Executioner's Shadow** draws viewers into riveting personal stories: the rare perspective of a former state executioner who nearly executes an innocent person; a Boston Marathon bombing victim who struggles to decide what justice really means; and the parents of a murder victim who face abandoning their values or fighting for the life of their daughter's killer. As the battle to overturn capital punishment comes to a head in the U.S., this provocative film challenges viewers to question their deepest beliefs about justice.



## ***Lindy Lou, Juror Number 2***

Directed by Florent Vassault

DEATH PENALTY

For 20 years, Lindy has lived with an unbearable feeling of guilt. Committed to fulfilling her civic duty, Lindy sat on a jury with 11 other jurors that handed down the death penalty to a Mississippi man convicted in a double homicide. But an overwhelming feeling of regret compels Lindy to track down her fellow jurors and tackle an oft-politicized issue with humor and sincere curiosity.

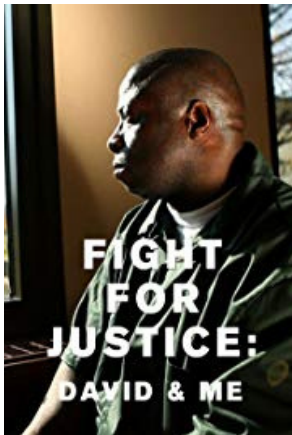


## ***True Conviction***

Directed by Jamie Meltzer

EXONEREES

There's a new detective agency in Dallas, Texas, started by three exonerated men, with decades in prison served between them. **True Conviction** is a character-driven documentary that follows these change-makers as they rebuild their lives and families, learn to investigate cases, and work to support one another.



## ***Fight for Justice: David and Me***

Directed by Ray Klonsky

EXONEREE

Ray Klonsky, a Canadian teenager, begins corresponding with inmate David McCallum. Their exchanging of letters leads to the changing of both their lives forever. Ray is determined to set an innocent man free from a flawed judicial system.



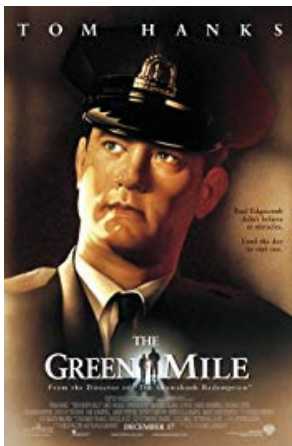
## ***The Gathering***

Directed by Micki Dickoff

DEATH PENALTY

EXONEREES

**The Gathering** is a film that tells the story of Witness to Innocence, the largest organization of death row exonerees in the country. These innocent men and women, some having spent decades on death row for murders they didn't commit, come together once a year to share their thoughts and feelings. The exonerees empower each other, speaking out about a broken justice system that makes mistakes and compels them to be warriors against the death penalty.

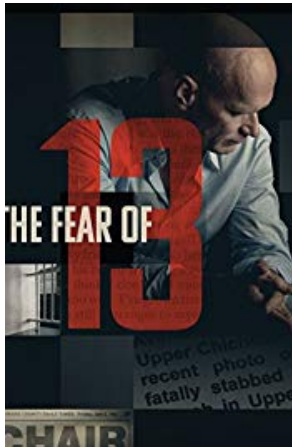


## ***The Green Mile***

Directed by Frank Darabont

DEATH PENALTY

Death Row guards at a penitentiary in the 1930's have a moral dilemma with their job when they discover one of their prisoners, a convicted murderer, has a special gift.

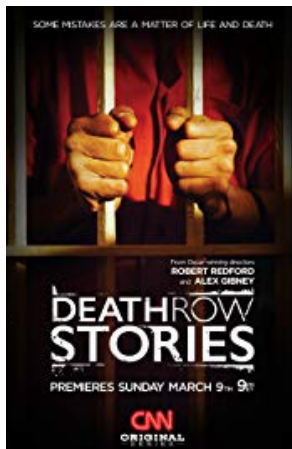


## ***The Fear of 13***

Directed by David Sington

DEATH PENALTY

Yarris tells his own story, in the style of a one-man show. In a non-linear structure, he reveals his early life, youthful transgressions, arrest, and time on death row, with several twists and turns. No one else appears on screen. Supplementary footage and sound effects are included as Yarris describes events. The title refers to the word triskaidekaphobia, one of many words which Yarris learned while educating himself in prison.



## ***Death Row Stories***

Directed by Werner Herzog

DEATH PENALTY

A documentary series that examines the state of the U.S. legal system both nationally and on a state level. You view the personal stories of death row inmates some of which have been exonerated. This documentary series puts the death penalty on trial, examining capital murder cases with questionable conviction and devastating consequences.



## ***Circles***

Directed by Cassidy Friedman

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Eric Butler, a Hurricane Katrina survivor and pioneer of the restorative justice movement, relocates and finds work at an Oakland, California, high school enforcing his no-nonsense approach to counseling vulnerable Black and Latino teenagers. But when his own teenage son is arrested and beaten in jail, he begins to question his methods and ability — not just as a teacher, but also as a father. With incredible access, **Circles** is an inspirational portrait of a father desperate to provide his son with the leadership and compassion he never received from his own.

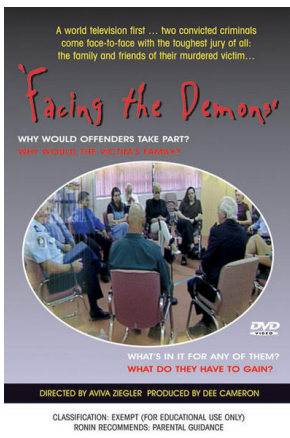


## Circle Up

Directed by Julie Mallozzi

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

A mother is devastated by the murder of her son. Instead of being vengeful she reaches out to her son's killer and offers a chance at restorative justice. They team up with trauma survivors, criminal justice leaders, and Native American peacemakers to divert at-risk youth from more violence — turning pain and anger into positive community change.



## Facing the Demons

Produced by Dee Cameron Company

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

**Facing the Demons** is an hour-long documentary video about the journey of the family and friends of murder victim Michael Marslew, confronting face-to-face in a conference two of the offenders responsible for Michael's death.

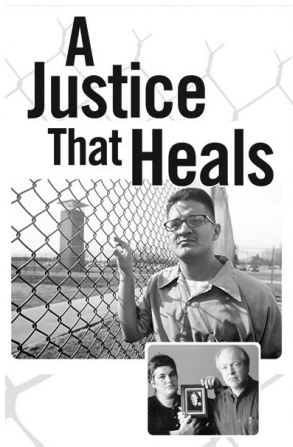


## Healing Justice

Directed by Shakti Butler, PhD

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

**Healing Justice** explores the causes and consequences of the current North American justice system and its effect on marginalized communities. The film walks back through the history of violence that has led to our current system, bringing into focus the histories of trauma — on a personal, interpersonal, community, and generational level. **Healing Justice** is meant to prompt questions and open conversations exploring trauma, justice, and healing.

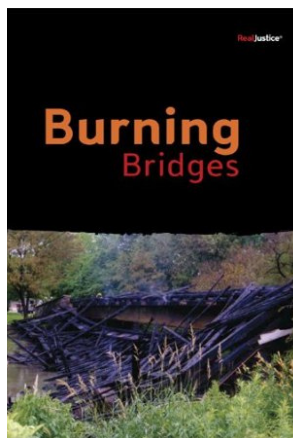


## ***A Justice that Heals***

Directed by Jay Shefsky

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The one-hour documentary originally aired on WTTW in Chicago in April 2000. **A Justice That Heals** opens with Mario Ramos, in prison, recounting a dream he had before the crime: blood on his hands, police, a murder. He knew it was coming, he says, yet he did nothing to stop it. Then, Mario and his victim's twin brother recount Andrew Young's murder. Andrew's parents enter the story, then Mario's parents. Finally, we meet Father Robert Oldershaw, a priest with the courage to "love the sinner" while he "hated the sin."



## ***Burning Bridges***

Directed by Laura Mirsky

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

**Burning Bridges** is a 35-minute documentary about the arson of Mood's Bridge, a historic covered bridge in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, USA, and the restorative conference held in its wake. This emotional conference brought together the six young men who burned down the bridge with their families and members of the community. Using news footage, interviews, and video of the actual conference, the documentary tells the story of a community moving through grief and anger to healing.



## ***Beyond Conviction***

Directed by Rachel Libert

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

**Beyond Conviction** tells the moving story of three crime victims on a journey towards healing and resolution. The film follows participants in a pioneering program run by the state of Pennsylvania in which victims of the most violent crimes meet face-to-face with their perpetrators. Beyond Conviction provides a rare glimpse into the lingering pain, questions and regrets for both victims and perpetrators and reveals the bold and difficult path to redemption and reconciliation.



## ***The Prison Within***

Directed by Katherin Hervey

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Set inside San Quentin Prison, this documentary shows the ways in which prisoners incarcerated for murder work with victims of violent crime, in the process revealing the root cause of their own violence. **The Prison Within** demonstrates how everyone, prisoner or free, can break out of their own personal prisons and put an end to the cycle of violence.