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Governor Greg Abbot  
P.O. Box 12428  
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Dear Governor Abbott,

Greetings! Congratulations once again on your election as governor. You are in our prayers here at St. Ignatius Martyr all the time.

I am writing to ask that you grant clemency to Rodney Reed, a Texas citizen who is on death row and is schedule to be executed by the state on March 5, 2015.

As someone who is pro-life I am against nearly every instance of using the ultimate (i.e., death) penalty, but this particular case is riddled with inconsistencies and inaccuracies. I am sure that you are familiar with the case and the many controversies surrounding it.

If we execute Rodney Reed we may very well put to death an innocent man. This, of course, is one of the greatest offenses to God and neighbor.

Please consider this request. Know that you remain in my prayers as you take on this very difficult task of leadership of the State of Texas. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Bill Wack, CSC  
Pastor