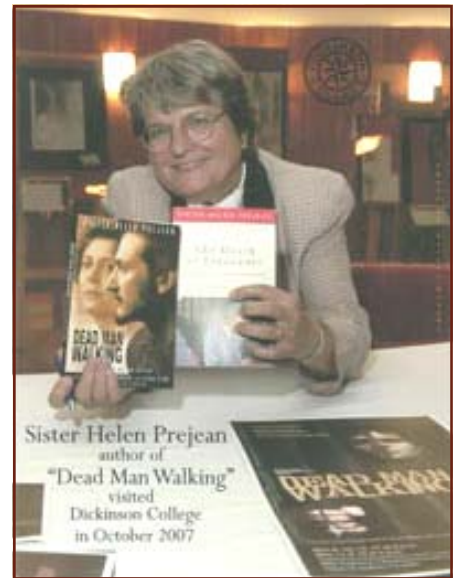


Sr. Helen Prejean, csj, Author of *Dead Man Walking* to Speak at York Street Project's 19th Annual Spring Event



Thursday, May 1, 2008

5:30pm - 8:00pm

JPMorgan Chase's Newport Conference Center
Jersey City, New Jersey

Sister Helen Prejean's prison ministry began in 1981, through a correspondence she maintained with a convicted murderer, who was sentenced to the electric chair. This encounter gave Sister Helen greater insight into the process involved in executions and she began speaking out against capital punishment. These experiences also prompted her to pen the book *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*. The book was nominated for a 1993 Pulitzer Prize, it made the 1994 American Library Associates Notable book list, and was number one on the *New York Times* best seller list for 31 weeks. *Dead Man Walking* also was an international best seller and has been translated into ten languages. In January 1996, the book was developed into a major motion picture that starred Susan Sarandon as Sister Helen and Sean Penn as the death row inmate. The movie received four Oscar nominations including Best Actress of which Susan Sarandon won. The book was also turned into an opera and a play. Sister Helen and *Dead Man Walking* have been the subject of several media stories and reviews worldwide. Her many broadcast appearances include: 60 Minutes; NBC's Today Show and Larry King Live (radio), to name a few. Sister Helen has served on the board of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty for ten years. Throughout her ministry she has received numerous honorary degrees from universities across the country, and many international awards. She is the founder of Survive, an organization devoted to providing counseling to the families of victims of violence.

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