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Statement from Archbishop Paul S. Coakley on the Granting of Clemency to Tremane Wood

I commend the courage Gov. Stitt has shown to grant clemency in the case involving Tremane Wood. The governor's commitment to balancing justice with mercy and maintaining an opportunity for redemption is laudable. In view of the particularly troubling details of Wood's case, erring on the side of life should always be our first instinct. May this decision signal a continued conversion of heart in favor of life in Oklahoma.

We must also pray for the victims of violent crimes and their families, in this case Ronnie Wipf and those who mourn his death.