

Dr. Alveda King: A Weekend of Injustice

Dr. Alveda King, Pastoral Associate of Priests for Life and the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commented today on the shooting of four Oakland police officers and the jailing of an Oakland pro-life activist last Friday.

“Four Oakland policemen were gunned down over the weekend while serving as protectors of human life,” said Dr. King. “They will be forever heroes, victims of injustice. Only hours before they were struck down, however, another hero who tried to protect the innocent, Rev. Walter Hoyer, was to a much lesser extent a victim of injustice as well.

“Rev. Hoyer now sits in jail for the so-called crime of asking women if he could talk to them about abortion,” added Dr. King. “He is a gentle, loving man who will be incarcerated for 30 days merely for telling pregnant women that Jesus loves them and their babies. There’s no comparing the plight of Rev. Hoyer with the loss of four police officers, but as my uncle Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, ‘Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.’ In Oakland, it was a horrible weekend for justice and for those who protect life.”