

The fourth plank of my promise when I ran for election was judicial reform, and this is still a work in progress, wherein we want to protect all the rights of every individual, but also ensure that the speedy portion of the promise, no, also happens. Unfortunately, speed is not a hallmark of our current judicial system, and there are various steps—laws, amendments, particular laws—even a rethink of the whole process to try and ensure the speedy disposition of justice.

Thank you.

*President Obama.* Thank you very much, everybody.

*Moderator.* That brings to a close our joint press conference. Thank you, President Obama. Thank you, President Aquino.

NOTE: The President's news conference began at 3:40 p.m. at the Malacanang Palace. In his remarks, he referred to President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia.

## Statement on Holocaust Remembrance Day

*April 28, 2014*

On this Yom HaShoah, I join people of all faiths in the United States, in the State of Israel, and around the world in remembering the 6 million Jews—innocent men, women, and children—who were senselessly murdered during the Holocaust, as well as all the victims of Nazi brutality and violence.

Even as we mourn those whose lives were taken, this day also provides us with an opportunity to honor those who emerged from the darkness of the Shoah to rebuild their lives in

new communities around the world. I am honored to have the opportunity to address survivors of the Holocaust, along with many of those who have worked so hard to preserve their testimony and share their stories, when I speak at the Shoah Foundation next week. On this Yom HaShoah, let us recommit ourselves to the task of remembrance and to always oppose anti-Semitism wherever it takes root. Together, we must give enduring meaning to the words “never again.”

## Statement on the Canonization of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II

*April 28, 2014*

Today Michelle and I join Catholics around the world in celebrating the canonization of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II.

The work and witness of both Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II shaped not only the Catholic Church, but the world. Pope John XXIII articulated powerful roles for the Church in the cause of global peace and justice, and by convening the Second Vatican Council he revolutionized not only aspects of worship, but the Catholic Church's relationship with other faith communities. Pope John Paul II helped inspire the Solidarity movement

in Poland, a movement that spread and eventually helped to end communism in Eastern Europe, and he spoke out forcefully against apartheid in South Africa and genocide in Rwanda. He had a special rapport with young people, drawing many of them to the Church's work and teachings.

We celebrate these saints and the leadership of His Holiness Pope Francis, and we look forward to continuing to work with Pope Francis and Catholics around the world to advance peace and justice for all people.