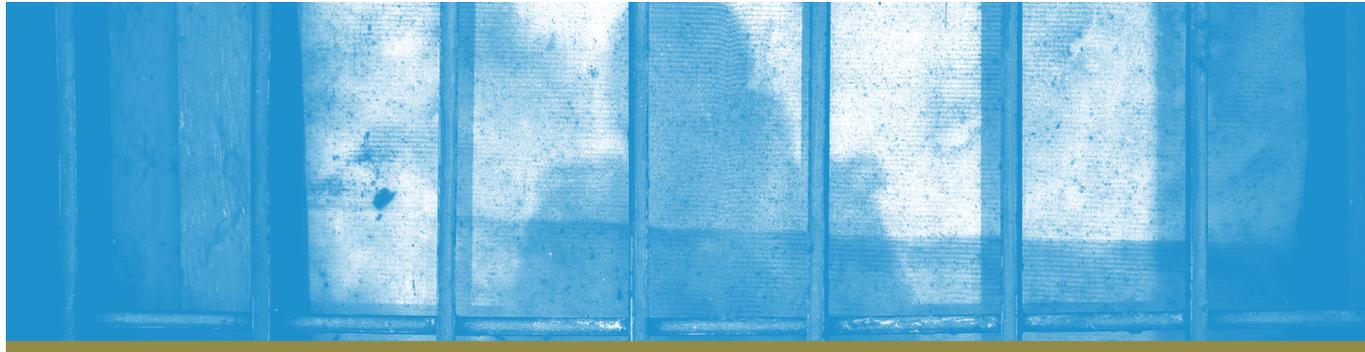


“Then the just will answer him, saying: **Lord, when have we seen you hungry and fed you; thirsty, and given you drink? And when have we seen you a stranger, and taken you in? Or naked, and covered you? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?** And in response, the King shall say to them, **Amen I say to you, whenever you did this for one of these, the least of my brothers, you did it for me.**

—Matthew 25:38-40



RELATED SERVICES

The effects of crime do not stop with the offender and not all ministry is done inside prison walls.

Victims are also in need of assistance in many ways. Families often suffer grave hardship, both financial and emotional, when a loved one is incarcerated. And when an offender is released from prison he or she will be more likely to succeed in his or her return to the community with a network of support. Where will you serve?

THE PRISONER

The Book of Genesis teaches us that we are made in the image and likeness of God—all of us.

No matter what we have done we are worthy of respect: “Human dignity is not something we earn by our good behavior.” Ministry to those who have harmed others, through grace, allows them the opportunity to realize that this respect carries with it responsibility—to those they have harmed, to the community and to themselves, and ultimately, to God.

Please join us in this ministry. It is diverse and includes directly serving those who are incarcerated as well as related ministries.

ABOUT PRISON MINISTRY

By visiting those in prison, you can bring light to someone in a very dark place. One might assist a priest in celebrating Mass. Qualified volunteers can offer Holy Communion services in the absence of a priest or provide instruction in the Faith. Seasoned prison chaplains describe a very real sense of meeting Jesus when going into a prison or jail and simply listening to the stories, the feelings, and the pain of those who have harmed others. A willing, listening heart can make all the difference.

