



Ways to Serve

Get Involved... Through Parish Outreach or as an Individual

- Serve in outreach to inmates at a local jail or prison (Masses, Bible study, RCIA)
- Pray for victims and inmates and their families
- Help transport families for visits to facilities
- Serve as a mentor or outreach to people who have been recently released from jail/prison
- Donate spiritual reading materials



Vision & Mission

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is a Christ-centered Catholic community that upholds the dignity of every human touched by crime in order to practice mercy and foster hope and peace.

The **mission** of corrections ministry is to create an environment of trust through a lens of Catholic social teaching by witnessing the Gospel to the incarcerated, formerly incarcerated and victims/families, through healing and mentoring processes.



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The lower a man has fallen, the more he deserves to be assisted, raised up, cared for, and honored. We learn this from the Gospel. This is justice! Pope Paul VI Homily 1.1.1972

Jesus said, *“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Luke 6:37).*

God establishes a relationship between our willingness to give mercy to others and the mercy he gives to us. Prison/jail ministry provides a unique opportunity to provide forgiveness instead of judgment and condemnation.

Key Priority Areas:

- Extend pastoral care through effective ministry to those in prisons and jails.
- Provide ministry/support to persons leaving prison/jail in re-entry. Recidivism rates in Indiana vary, but are about 35%.
- Provide awareness and education in Catholic social justice as it relates to the criminal justice system

Q&A

Where do I start?

A great resource is the Archdiocese website which has a detailed listing of additional resources and opportunities:

www.archindy.org/corrections

Recommended reading:

“Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice”
Catholic Bishops of the US”

www.usccb.org

Our parish is interested in learning more. Where do we turn?

A list of contacts for prisons is on the Archindy website above, and may be contacted directly. Information about re-entry programs and contact information is also on the website. If you are interested in a speaker for your parish, contact the Coordinator of Corrections Ministry:

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