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## PRISON MINISTRY

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Happy Spring Prison Ministers,

As we are arriving at the end of the third quarter of this fiscal year, I am happy to report that we are continuing to expand in terms of prison ministers, resources and new services to the least of our brethren.

In regards to expanding the ministry, we are prayerfully requesting for more Spanish speaking ministers to participate in a new ministry on Thursday's from 4:30pm to 6:00pm in Lake Worth, where the U.S. Committee on Refugee and Immigrants will house up to 140 teenage girls from Central America sometime next month. The goal is to have 12 of us cover this facility. One pair per Thursday per month. Or, if a prison minister chooses he/she may attend as often as they like on Thursday's to encourage kind actions and words while being a presence to the youngsters. Two priests and three lay persons have already stepped forward to assist in this worthwhile endeavor, which is scheduled to begin on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Vinessa Morgan at 561-345-2016 or [vmorgan@ccdpb.org](mailto:vmorgan@ccdpb.org) if you would like to participate. Also, consider speaking to Catholic Spanish speaking people who should be considered for this ministry and ask them if they would like to join us. The carmaker Henry Ford was once asked why he did not own Life Insurance, he said "Because no one ever asked me to buy it." The time is now to recruit new prison ministers, for these Spanish speaking girls, please try for them and the Glory of Our Lord.

Who needs missalettes? Who needs clear durable plastic bags for carting materials through jail or prison check points? You should not have to pay for these things. Catholic Charities provides a generous budget to the Office of Prison Ministry. Please also consider that Catholic Charities has 501 3c IRS status that exempts us from paying taxes. That is why this Office prefers to make the purchase for you and have the items shipped directly where you want them sent.

Another function that our Office is promoting: cremation and burial services. Two years ago an inmate serving a life sentence asked me, if he being a Catholic, could be assured to be buried in a Catholic Cemetery. Now that is probable due to the coordination efforts with funeral homes throughout our diocese and arranged by Fr. Gabriel Ghanoum and his ministry called "No One Buried Alone." Partnering with this ministry will bring much needed relief to our incarcerated Catholic brethren. If you would like more information for the people you minister too on this invaluable service, contact the Office of Prison Ministry.

Finally, it is Spring Cleaning time! Are you able to spend an hour a week or month helping the Office of Prison Ministry address some technology initiatives and shredding of old files? Please let us know and we will let you know how appreciated you are....

In Christ,



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