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*Many men thank me and say that what they have learned is changing them, but I always laugh and say how much they are changing my heart!*

- A volunteer

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## Become a Volunteer

We would like you to join us in sharing the love of God and serving others through:

- Prison visitation
- Supporting released inmates
- Becoming a Prayer Partner for the prayer intentions of those that are incarcerated

## Contact

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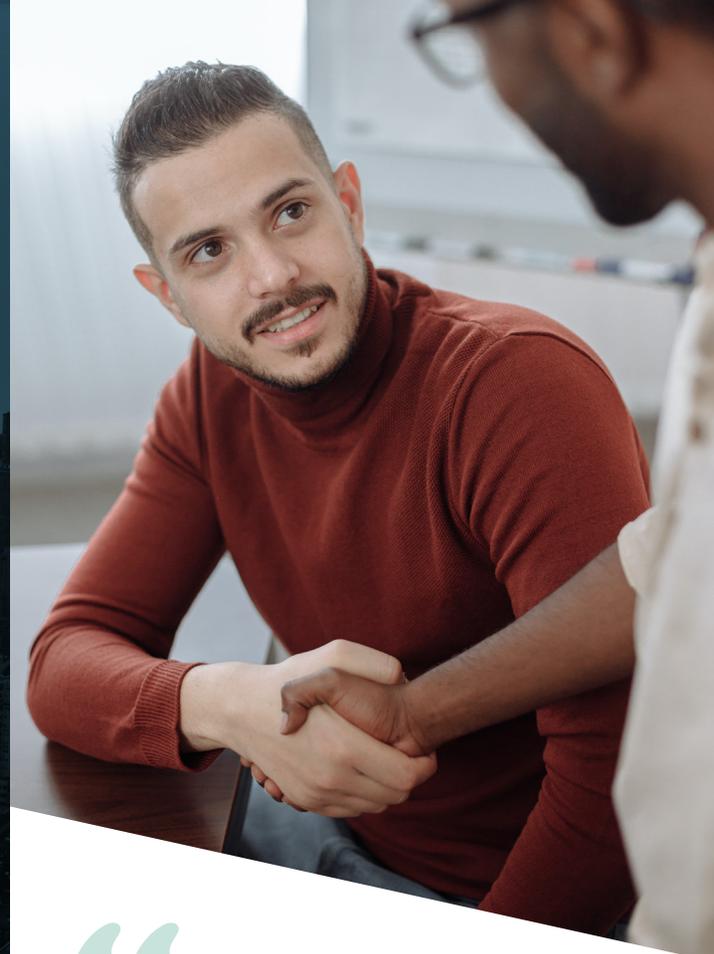
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*‘I was in prison and you came to visit me.’*

Matthew 25:36



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## Prison Programs

Our in-prison ministry addresses the spiritual needs of the incarcerated through Mass, fellowship, letter writing, Bible study, Alpha, Taizé prayer, Rosary making, volunteer-led discussions, visitations and more.

## Community Programs



### Support for Released Prisoners

We provide volunteer support for released offenders as they re-integrate back into the community.



### CoSA

Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) supports released sex offenders to reintegrate and become contributing members of society.

## Social Justice and Educational Initiatives



### In Our Schools

We invite all Catholic elementary and high schools to make Christmas and Easter cards for those in prison and those on the streets. We do a variety of projects with our schools to raise awareness of those marginalized and incarcerated.

With our high school students, we arrange for released offenders, who have turned their lives around, to share their faith journey with the students.



### In Our Parishes

We also regularly visit our churches to share with parishioners how we care for those impacted by crime and invite them to become involved.

## Praying for Inmates

Along with education and awareness, we also have a vibrant prayer team which prays daily for the intentions submitted by the inmates.

## Our Volunteers

We serve the imprisoned because Jesus is there. His living presence dwells in each inmate. In turn, God has chosen us to be his loving presence in our prisons.

In institutions where loneliness abounds and isolation is everyday, it is presence – both human and divine – that we give and receive.