

Office of Diocesan Pastoral Outreach

Prison Ministry

Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise

Prison Ministry within the Diocese of Boise falls under the Directorate of the Permanent Diaconate, Office of Pastoral Outreach and works collaboratively with all parishes, faith communities, the Idaho Department of Corrections and County Jails throughout the diocese's geographical region.

The mission of the Prison Ministry is to promote Christ's love and forgiveness through assistance, education and social interaction to the incarcerated. This ministry also extends to the families of the incarcerated and by helping those returning from prison to reintegrate back into society and become productive citizens successfully.

These efforts are formulated to reduce trauma within correctional facilities, reduce recidivism, and increase public safety by reducing violence in the community through growth in faith and healing for offenders, ex-offenders, and their families. A Catholic approach to the ministry begins with the recognition that the dignity of the human person applies to both victim and offender. It is, in fact, a fundamental principle guiding Catholic social justice ministry efforts.

The Diocese Prison Volunteer Prison Manual outlines the policies and procedures all volunteers representing the Bishop of the Diocese of Boise must follow. Parishioners interested in participating in prison ministry should contact the Coordinator of Diocesan Pastoral Outreach before beginning the application process with an IDOC or county facility.

Director of Diocesan Pastoral Outreach

Deacon Robert Barros-Bailey, MPM

Ph: 208-371-8289

rbarrosbailey@gmail.com

Pastoral Ombudsman for Prison Ministry

Deacon Thomas Mannschreck

Ms. Barbara Mannschreck

Mr. Mark Geraty

Ms. Gloria Terriquez