

**Vision Of Department  
Of Evangelization  
Archdiocese Of Baltimore**

The Department of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Baltimore seeks to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in every human situation, attentive to the signs of the times, through the service of pastoral leaders and all Catholics.



**ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE  
PRISON MINISTRY**

A ministry of love and healing that fosters hope, dignity, and opportunities for new beginnings for prisoners and families affected by incarceration through the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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*“I was in prison  
and you visited me.”*

Matthew 25:36

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PRISON VOLUNTEER?

It means to share in the mission of the Catholic Church—to be a model of the Christian life, and to carry the message of the Gospel to all those one encounters. As St. Francis of Assisi taught,

*“Preach the Gospel  
and if necessary use words.”*

Prison volunteers are messengers of hope—hope in God’s mercy and love, hope for restorative justice, and hope for a second chance to change one’s life.

Taken from “Messenger of Hope,” page 5,  
Dismas Ministry



Prison Ministry . . . challenges us to walk alongside youth and adults who are incarcerated. Let us as their Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ, accompany prisoners in their everyday experience of rejection, isolation, separation, and loneliness.



Please consider being part of the Archdiocese’s effort to minister to those who often hunger to hear about and receive God’s love, forgiveness, and mercy.

### VOLUNTEER TODAY!

*As a prison volunteer there are many ways you can help. Here are just a few:*

- Be a part of an intercessory parish prayer group
- Train to be a prison Eucharistic minister
- Lead a Bible study
- Mentor
- Speak on topics of interest to you and the inmates
- Become a pen and prayer partner
- Participate in retreats
- Advocate for victims’ rights
- Assist in transition from inmate to returning citizen
- Collect personal items such as, hygiene and toiletry items and clothing
- Donate religious magazines
- Donate Christmas, Easter, and yearly celebration greeting cards
- Help the Office of Prison Ministry continue its efforts by donating financial support
- Support family members in crisis