

Social Ministry Information

Date: 7-11-10

Ministry: Jail Ministry

Leader: Rita McCarthy

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Backup to Leader: Others from the Parish in the jail ministry: Pat Brogan and Alonso Noble. Rita doesn't interact with the other volunteers because they are assigned to different facilities.

Ministry Purpose: Visit prisoners in San Diego County jails and prisons to share the scriptures and pray.

Activities: Visit about twice a month. Rita goes to the Vista Jail for two hours on a Tuesday (men prisoners) and 1 ½ hours on a Thursday (women prisoners). She always goes with another person, and they meet with up to 20 prisoners. The assignments are made by a coordinator at the Diocese of San Diego.

The visitor reads the scriptures for the coming Sunday, leads a sharing on what the readings mean to them, and prays with the prisoners. They don't discuss what crimes were committed and have no contact with the families.

Number of Participants: This is not a Parish ministry as all training and assignments are done by the Diocese. Candidates go through a program of orientation and training, a correction system lecture, and a 60-day background check.

Challenges:

Special Needs from Parish:

Other: