

Catholic Prison Ministries

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To Whom It May Concern,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am the Executive Director for the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC). The Catholic Prison Ministries Coalition (CPMC) is an entity under the sponsorship of NACC and through this relationship I have the opportunity to work with and provide support to Catholic Chaplains throughout the country in different fields of ministry. The NACC/CPMC has recently invited our correctional chaplains to engage in an intentional listening process initiated by Pope Francis, the leader of the Catholic Church. This process is an opportunity for the whole Church - local parishes, organizations and external missions such as our correctional facilities - to share their joys, struggles, needs, and causes for celebration to guide the Church's work. Pope Francis has proposed doing this through a synodal process. Synod means "journeying together" and it involves prayerful reflection and listening to each other in order to discern the path we are called to walk together.

NACC/CPMC has created a survey to be circulated amongst the Catholic community in correctional facilities throughout the United States. The survey will be administered by local Catholic Chaplains and volunteers and the results will be submitted to their local (Arch)diocese, as well as the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops. While the results of the survey will remain anonymous the information provided will be invaluable in shaping the Church's ministry to the Catholic Community incarcerated throughout the United States. We appreciate your support and discretion in allowing the Catholic community of your facility(ies) to participate in this important process.

If you have any questions concerning the survey or the Synodal process, please feel free to contact me directly at ericacohenmoore@nacc.org or (414) 483-4898.

Sincerely,

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