



Catholic Prison Ministries

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America Media (<https://www.americamagazine.org/>)

ABS - American Bible Society - Office of Catholic Initiatives
(<https://americanbible.org/>) - see especially
<https://ministry.americanbible.org/catholic-ministries/resources>

Angel Tree (<https://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree/>)

Apostolic Nunciature (<http://www.nuntiususa.org/>) - The Apostolic Nunciature in the United States of America is the diplomatic mission of the Holy See to the USA.

BOP - Federal Bureau of Prisons - (<https://www.bop.gov/>)

BTL - Bridges to life (<https://www.bridgestolife.org/>)

Bridges To Life (BTL) is a faith-based restorative justice program for incarcerated men and women that provides a platform for life-changing transformation. Starting in one prison in Richmond, Texas, with 41 inmate graduates in 1999, over 62,000 men and women have graduated from the BTL program

CCUSA - Catholic Charities U.S.A. (<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>)

Catholic Charities USA was founded over a century ago by men and women who believed that the collective efforts of the church to faithfully serve people in need could change the course of poverty in our nation.

At Catholic Charities helps people, regardless of their faith, who are struggling with poverty and other complex issues. At CCUSA, advocacy and disaster relief programs — and support of member agencies in the CCUSA network — is making tangible progress toward providing help and hope to neighbors across the country.

CCJRN - The Catholic Criminal Justice Reform Network (CCJRN) is a Lumen Christi initiative(<https://www.lumenchristi.org/programs/catholic-social-thought/criminal-justice-reform>) that connects legal scholars, attorneys, judges, clergy, law enforcement, and others who are committed to seeing reform in the American criminal justice system that is inspired by Catholic thought. Motivated in particular by the principles of Catholic social teaching, the CCJRN hosts regular events and gatherings of its members for the purpose of collaboration, dialogue, and seeking solutions that transcend the partisan divide and recognize the inviolable dignity of the human person.

CLIN - Catholic Legal Immigration Network - (<https://cliniclegal.org/>) Embracing the Gospel value of welcoming the stranger, CLINIC promotes the dignity and protects the rights of immigrants in partnership with a dedicated network of Catholic and community legal immigration programs. CLIN is based out of Silver Spring, Maryland (Washington, D.C. metropolitan area), with an office in Oakland, California, and additional staff working from locations throughout the country. Questions and inquiries can be sent to national@cliniclegal.org.

CMN - Catholic Mobilizing Network - (<https://catholicmobilizing.org/>) Catholic Mobilizing Network is a national organization that mobilizes Catholics and all people of goodwill to value life over death, to end the use of the death penalty, to transform the U.S. criminal justice system from punitive to restorative, and to build capacity in U.S. society to engage in restorative practices. Through education, advocacy, and prayer, and based on the Gospel value that every human is created in the image and likeness of God, CMN expresses the fundamental belief that all those who have caused or been impacted by crime should be treated with dignity.

CPMC - Catholic Prison Ministries Coalition
(<https://www.catholicprisonministries.org/about-cpmc>)

Dismas - Dismas Ministry (<https://dismasministry.org/>) - The mission of Dismas Ministry is to provide prisoners with the free Catholic scripture, faith and prayer resources they need to restore their relationship with the Catholic church and with God. Dismas provides these free resources in the spirit of Christ's gospel, "What you have received freely, give freely" ~ Matthew 10:8.

Despite where they are, prisoners are still members of Christ's Body and should not be forgotten. As one prisoner shared, "We are not animals." Many will use their time behind bars to reassess their lives, and with God's help, make amends for the way that they have victimized others. As fellow Catholics, Dismas strives to support their spiritual rehabilitation.

This spiritual approach goes to the very heart of the matter – the need for God in the lives of all who have been affected by crime. In the end, the only true healing is spiritual, as God transforms suffering into victory as He did for Jesus in his death and resurrection.

The mission of Dismas Ministry includes all who suffer the effects of crime: victims and their loved ones, as well as prisoners, those released from prison, and the entire community.

Homeboy - Homeboy Industries (<https://homeboyindustries.org/>) What began in 1988 as a way of improving the lives of former gang members in East Los Angeles has evolved into the largest gang intervention, rehab and re-entry program in the world.

Each year Homeboy welcomes thousands of people through their doors seeking to transform their lives. Whether joining the 18-month employment and re-entry program or seeking discrete services such as tattoo removal or substance abuse resources, clients are embraced by a community of kinship and offered a variety of free wraparound services to facilitate healing and growth. In addition to serving almost 7,000 members of the immediate Los Angeles community in 2018, Homeboy's flagship 18-month employment and re-entry program was offered to over 400 men and women.

Jesuit Conference office of Justice and Ecology (<https://www.jesuits.org/our-work/justice-and-ecology/>)

The Office of Justice and Ecology brings the voice of Jesuit leadership to governments, international bodies, non-governmental organizations and corporations, advocating in solidarity with marginalized communities. The

conference puts compassion into action through policy analysis grounded in the Catholic social tradition, working to build and engage regional, national and global networks.

JRS - USA - Jesuit Refugee Services - (<https://jrsusa.org/>) Serving Refugees Around the World since 1980

JRS was founded in November 1980 by Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, the then Superior General of the Society of Jesus, to respond to the plight of Vietnamese refugees fleeing their war-ravaged homeland.

Following the end of the Vietnam War in 1975, hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese fled their homes, setting out in overcrowded boats across the South China Sea. Many did not survive the journey; they were killed by pirates, or drowned because of storms and rough seas. Fr Arrupe felt compelled to act. He called on the Jesuits “to bring at least some relief to such a tragic situation”.

Fr Arrupe wrote to over 50 Jesuit provinces regarding the situation, recognising that the Jesuits, then numbering 27,000 men across the world, were well-placed to coordinate a global humanitarian response. As conflicts broke out in Central and Latin America, southeastern Europe, and across Africa, JRS rapidly grew from helping Vietnamese boat people in a few camps in Southeast Asia to working with refugees around the world.

Nearly 20 years after JRS’s founding, JRS was officially registered as a foundation of the Vatican City State on 19 March 2000.

In 1983, JRS/USA was established as part of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States (then, U.S. Jesuit Conference).

JRJI – Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative - (<https://www.jrji.org/index.html>)

JSRI - Jesuit Social Research Institute (<https://jsri.loyno.edu/>) The Jesuit Social Research Institute engages in three primary activities: research and analysis, advocacy, and education.

The framework for all of JSRI efforts is Catholic social teaching

JFI - Justice for Immigrants - (<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/>) an office within the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB - <https://www.usccb.org/>)

K of PC - Knights of Peter Claver - (<https://www.kofpc.org/index.php>)

LCWR - Leadership Conference of Women Religious (<https://lcwr.org/social-justice>)

Loyola Institute of Pastoral Studies - (<https://www.luc.edu/ips/>)

MRS - Migration and Refugee Services -

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/migration>) - USCCB COMMITTEES - Migration Creating a world where immigrants, refugees, migrants, and people on the move are treated with dignity, respect, welcome and belonging

NACC - National Association of Catholic Chaplains (<https://www.nacc.org/>) The National Association of Catholic Chaplains advocates for the profession of spiritual care and educates, certifies, and supports chaplains, clinical pastoral educators, and all members who continue the healing ministry of Jesus in the name of the Church

Order of Malta - American Association

(<https://orderofmaltaamerican.org/spirituality-in-action/prison/overview/>)

PEM- Paulist Evangelization Ministries -

(<https://www.pemdc.org/freeresources/prison-ministry/>)

Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation

(<https://www.pbmr.org/>) Rooted in the spirituality of the Precious Blood, Precious Blood Ministry restores human dignity through hospitality, hope and healing? They work as agents of reconciliation to:

- Build relationships among youth and families impacted by violence and/or conflict
- Create safe spaces where people can experience radical hospitality, hope and healing
- Promote a restorative justice approach to conflict and build a sense of community

SSVP - Society of St. Vincent de Paul, national council USA- (<https://ssvpusa.org/>)

Thrive for life- (<https://thriveforlife.org/>) Whether behind the prison walls or at Ignacio House, the Thrive for Life community, too, is graced by the experiences of deep conversions each day. Thrive For Life understands how essential a supportive living community is to permanently and successfully returning home as a contributing member of society.

USCCB - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - (<https://www.usccb.org/>)