

## Foundational Formation for Prison Ministry Module Six

### Focus

1. **How do I navigate the system?**
  - What should I expect? Dos and Don'ts, Role of staff/ relating to staff who may need pastoral care and are partners in care.
2. **Topics Covered**
  - Understanding Jail and Prison Culture.
  - How is one pastorally present to the incarcerated?
  - How does one accompany the incarcerated?
  - Working with others
  - Working with Prison Staff
  - Working with families
  - Pastoral care dos and don'ts
  - Ethics

### Assignments for this Module

#### View:

- **Jail and Prison Ministry 101 – Session 6: Skills/Knowledge Formation II**  
<https://www.catholicprisonministries.org/resources#featured>  
Can also find @ <https://youtu.be/rvI5pqqLAcM>

#### Read:

- **Reflection booklet: Prison Ministry 101 – Session 6 Love: Knowledge/Skills Formation II**  
<https://www.nacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Prison-Ministry-101-Session-6-Booklet.pdf>
- **Messengers of Hope: A Catholic Prison Ministry Training Resource, Dismas Ministry – 8, 9, 12,16, 22,23**  
<https://www.nacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Module-6-Messengers-of-Hope-pp.-8-9-12-16-22-23.pdf>

### Write Answers to these Reflection Questions for Journal of Learning (to share during session)

1. Approximately what percentage of those who leave will return to prison? 50% B) 60% C) 70% D) 80% E) 90%
2. True or False: There is a great scarcity of resources, homes, of communities that are poised and positioned to welcome these women and men back into communities and to society.
3. Describe at least two ways that Father Dustin demonstrated possible parish roles to be involved in re-entry.
4. True or False: According to Father Dustin, re-entry work is at least a year-long process. Explain your answer.
5. Why does Father Justin say that it is important for those incarcerated to have therapy available to them after leaving prison?
6. True or False: It is easy for those formerly incarcerated to get a place to live or a job. Explain your answer.
7. True or False: Re-Entry work is related to the Ministry of Accompaniment; Explain your answer.
8. From what you read or heard in the presentation, can you explain why the first hours and days of re-entry are such a risky period?
9. Name at least two organizations mentioned that could be helpful partners in developing a re-entry ministry. Explain how they might help.
10. True or False: Re-integration back into society does take a village. Explain your answer.

### **Criminal Justice Ministry Pastoral Care Competencies<sup>1</sup> Related to This Module**

#### **3.5 Moral theology and Catholic social teaching. Know and integrate into ministerial practice a 2 theology of the moral life, including Catholic social teaching for the transformation of Church and society.**

- 3.5.1 Knows what the Church teaches regarding the moral life and supports a consistent ethic through all stages of life, as stated in the Ethical Directives.
- 3.5.2 Knows the key components of Catholic Social Teaching.
- 3.5.3 Subscribes to the professional code of ethics, if applicable.

#### **4.2 Foster a pastoral ministry that empowers people to enculturate the Gospel in their own culture and to foster unity in diversity in the Catholic Church by utilizing human, spiritual, theological, and pastoral approaches proper to each culture.**

- 4.2.2 Understand the unique relational dynamics of the cultures encountered in inmates.

#### **4.3 Implement the principles and processes of evangelization and faith formation, as outlined in national and universal Church documents.**

- 4.3.1 Implement the principle and methods of evangelization which encompass generational, age, and personal faith affiliations

#### **4.5 Work effectively with others through utilizing leadership skills of collaboration, visioning, planning, communication, decision making, delegation, and conflict management.**

- 4.5.1 Provide experiential and service-learning which respects and is sensitive to the needs of the individual and the community.

### **Other Helpful Resources Mentioned for Enrichment:**

#### **Webinars mentioned:**

- CPMC Webinar: Restorative Justice with People Impacted by Incarceration CPMC Webinar @ [https://youtu.be/tR-Qa\\_ShEig](https://youtu.be/tR-Qa_ShEig)

#### **Websites and Resources**

- See especially “Seeking to Minister” @ <https://www.catholicprisonministries.org/seeking-tominister/#formation-resources>
- See especially Jail and Prison Ministry 101 and become familiar with the resources for those ministering in jails and prisons @ <https://www.catholicprisonministries.org/resources/>
- Webinar: Re-Entry: Working To Create A Culture Of Encounter And Hospitality @ <https://www.catholicprisonministries.org/webinar/re-entry-working-to-create-a-culture-of-encounter-andhospitality>
- See Stories Of Re-Entry After Incarceration – This video was recorded at the 2018 National Catholic Prison Ministry Conference held October 12-13, 2018 in Milwaukee, WI, and was generously made available by Dismas Ministry on the CPMC website at @ <https://www.catholicprisonministries.org/webinar/curtis-gibsonand-joshua-stancil-share-their-personal-story-of-re-entry-after-incarceration>
- The Little Book of Circle Processes: A New/Old Approach to Peacemaking (The Little Books of Justice and Peacebuilding Series) (Little Books of Justice & Peacebuilding) Paperback – June 1, 2005, by Kay Pranis can be found @ [https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/156148461X/ref=dbs\\_a\\_def\\_rwt\\_bibl\\_vppi\\_i0](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/156148461X/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_bibl_vppi_i0)
- More Catholic Mobilizing Network resources on Restorative Justice @ <https://catholicmobilizing.org/restorative-justice>
- A good introduction to Restorative Justice: Harm, Healing, and Human Dignity, A Catholic Encounter with Restorative Justice, Adapted by Caitlin Morneau @ <https://litpress.org/Products/6416/Harm-Healing-andHuman-Dignity>

<sup>1</sup>For full list of Criminal Justice Ministry Pastoral Care Competencies click [here for English](#) and [here for Spanish](#).