

Greetings Friends of Twin Cities Prison Ministry:

This is to *Thank You* for your support - both past and present - and to provide a summary of our 2025 Activity. The enclosed prayer card was used in the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope on the December 14 Prisoners' Day Mass and dinner - following program.

We are thankful that Archbishop Hebda and several clergy who visit those in prisons and jails were available to concelebrate the Mass.



Left to right:
Dcn. Pat, Dcn. Tom, Dcn. Gordon, Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Fr Stan, Dcn. Newell, Dcn. Steve

It was also a blessing that Restore Fellowship joined us to provide music for our Christmas Caroling portion of the program (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555995084172>).

This is what Archbishop Hebda commented following the event on his Weekly Blog:
"Music feeds the heart even when there aren't 200 voices. At a gathering marking the Jubilee for Prisoners that was celebrated by Pope Leo in Rome this past weekend, we had a "carol sing" led by a small praise band made up of former residents at the State Penitentiary in Lino Lakes. They were as prayerful as they were musically talented. I had been blessed to hear some of them when I celebrated confirmation in the prison some years ago, and I was inspired that they have continued to pray and sing together. What a wonderful way to spend Gaudete Sunday!"

A link to view the Mass and hear Archbishop Hebda's homily can be found on our webpage if interested:

<https://tcprisonministry.com/2025-jubilee-year-of-hope-event/>

We thank you for your prayers and continued support to offer opportunities for volunteers to assist both within and outside and to provide support to those affect by incarceration.

God bless and thank you again - - from TCPM Board Members

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Thank You!

Twin Cities Prison Ministry (TCPM) is grateful and feel blessed for those who have supported this ministry in 2025: the volunteers, Archdiocesan leadership, Clergy, the faith community and other faith based organizations throughout the area, corrections staff and all those who have supported this ministry. Thank you for your spiritual and financial support and the gift of presence to minister to those affected by incarceration. We are truly blessed!

In Review for 2025

TCPM - Inside Opportunities - coordinated the following:

- Mass
 - 10 Priests
 - 6 Deacons
 - 13 Lay Assistants
 - Total Mass/communion services - 297
 - Shakopee - 64
 - Stillwater - 52
 - Lino Lakes - 64
 - Rush City - 52
 - Oak Park Heights - 13
 - Faribault - 52
- County Jails
 - 5 county Jails were supported with resources and visits from 5 clergy and 4 laity volunteers conducting One on One meetings weekly.
 - 12 Permanent Deacon Candidates - Conducted One on Ones - with support from mentors, in County Jails - June-August
 - 4 Jesuit Novices trained and conducting One on Ones in Jail September - December
- OCIA

- Outside mentors working one on one with Residents in Lino lakes with instruction and guidance through the Order of Catholic Initiation of Adults (OCIA) scheduled for Confirmation in 2026.
- Ignatian Meditation Retreat - one time event
 - Lino Lakes
 - 6 volunteers
 - 20 insiders
- Videos - provided the following:
 - Catholic Studies Programs
 - Beyond REC - 2 videos each with multiple sessions on Prayer
 - Videos played throughout Prison System - Jeff Cavins - Bible Timeline
- Material provided to Residents in Prison/Jails upon requests from Staff/Residents:
 - Rosaries w/ How to Pray the Rosary guide, Bibles, other Spiritual references

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

- Pen Pal - 1.4k (insiders 772; outside 702;
- Holiday Cards - 1202 Christmas Cards sent by 20 individuals and groups (confirmation classes, church groups, school groups)
- fish - families of the incarcerated support & hope group; coordinating activity with families every third Saturday of the month. This ministry is conducted at the Re-entry Breakfast which is organized through our partner organization Mission 29:11 and the Westwood Community Church.
- Coordinated Jubilee Year of Hope - Prisoners' Day Mass, dinner and program
- Ignatian Volunteer Corp benefit dinner - Fr Greg Boyle
- Organized and presented material for an 8 week module presentation to 2nd year Permanent Diaconate Candidates at the St Paul Seminary. In addition, presented special material during the immersion week and coordinated a weekly scheduled one/one for candidates at three county jails.
- Angel Tree - through designated funds, partnered with a Parish Community coordinating the Angel Tree Ministry and provided additional funds to care givers of each family.

GRANTS

- Array Transition Homes - \$5,000 from League of Catholic Women through TCPM

DONATIONS

- Conversations with Friends - \$650.
- Mission 29:11 - Reentry programs \$1000; plus monthly donations of juice to re-entry breakfast \$480.
- Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative - \$500. For use of Ignatian Meditation materials
- Catholic Prison Ministry Coalition - \$500

Donors

- Knights of Columbus
- Order of Malta
- Archdiocese of St Paul & Mpls
- Catholic Services Appeal
- Catholic Community Foundation
- League of Catholic Women
- Sacred Heart Foundation of Pennsylvania
- *And from the Gifts of Private Donors*



Volunteer Appreciation - December 2024

THANK YOU ALL !