

Detention Ministry Opportunities

Current services that are implemented...

- Bi-Monthly Prayer/Discussion Hour the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at Macomb Co. Juvenile Justice Center.
- Prayer/Discussion Hour in St. Clair County Juvenile Intervention Center—Rotating Schedule with Area Churches. Two consecutive weeks, every 6 weeks on Saturdays, within the Treatment Program and the Detention facility..
- Ministering to female/male detainees at Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility through Life Lesson Discussions, and Spiritual Enrichment.
- Bi-monthly Prayer/Discussion Hour the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at Wayne Co. Juvenile Detention Facility.
- Social and Ministerial outreach to youth in Oakland Co. Children's Village.
- LIFECoach Mentoring Outreach Program in Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland Counties.
- Adult training for mentoring youth.

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OUR CHALLENGE

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OUR CALL TO MINISTRY



Our Challenge

The 3 R's...

...To Recognize

- The need to minister to youth in detention by reaching out with compassion, forgiveness and understanding.

...To Respond

- By developing and providing programs designed to address values formation, spirituality, social justice concerns and personal growth to prepare youth for re-entry into society.
- By developing and implementing a leadership program teaching the need to value and be valued, that is grounded by caring, supporting, and directing the youth detained, by empowering them to recognize their gifts and choices they have to succeed.

...To Restore

- The youth to a sense of self respect and respect for others by being available for emotional support and affirming their longing to be valued and loved.

Our Call to Ministry

“When I was imprisoned you visited me. Just as you did it for the least of one of these you did it for me.” Matt: 25:39-40

Our call is to reach out with sensitivity , upholding the dignity of each individual by affirming their worth and importance to society.

In Keeping with Catholic Social Teaching , ministering to youth in detention:

- Seeks to be attuned to the “signs of the times.”
- Seek to network with parishes and the community to mobilize resources and volunteers.
- Seeks to uphold human dignity and respect for life as it relates to detention ministry.

LIFECoach.....

A Means To Minister To Youth in Detention

LIFECoach Character-Based Mentoring A Way To Be With Youth

A curriculum-based program incorporating Life-Skills education is a unique method of mentoring at-risk youth. The dynamics of the process:

- Gather together in a group setting with one-to- one ratio, mentor to youth.
- Session Topic lead by facilitator to initiate discussion between mentor and youth.
- Caring adults recognizing the crucial importance of a value-based relationship.
- Helping young people feel valued and worthy of love in the midst of their situation.

Requirements to become a LIFECoach Mentor...

- An individual who is caring, understanding, non-judgmental, and able to adapt to diverse populations.
- An individual who recognizes their call as a Christian to respect, protect, love and serve all human life despite differences.
- Mentor must be at least 19 years of age.
- Be willing to be screened for State Police background check as well as Abuse and Neglect background checks.
- Will commit to the duration of the program.