



PJM Newsletter

July/August 2019

## Update Letter

Dear PJM Volunteers and Friends,

As summer slowly arrives, I am grateful to our Creator for the gift of time. During the slow arrival of this new season, I am reminded of the powerful transformation that occurs during our moments of waiting and hoping. In a world that demands instant results, quick fixes and self-recognition, this ministry offers none of these. Veteran volunteer, Diane Charron, reminds us of this in her reflection as she retires from serving the incarcerated for more than 20 years. Diane has been instrumental in overseeing and growing both our ministry in Ottawa County Jail and our annual Christmas Drive. We are grateful for Diane's faithful devotion to this ministry and the countless lives transformed because of her service. You may read Diane's reflection [here](#).

### **3rd Annual Restorative Justice Conference - Radical Forgiveness**

As previously communicated, the Prison and Jail Ministry will host a Restorative Justice Conference on **Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at Cathedral Square Center. This 3<sup>rd</sup> annual day-long conference has been organized by men incarcerated at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia. The theme of this year's conference is "Radical Forgiveness." The conference keynote speaker will be Kate Grosmaire, author of "[Forgiving my Daughter's Killer, A True Story of Loss, Faith and Unexpected Grace](#)." To learn more about Kate's journey please click [here](#).

One of the primary goals of the conference is educating the community about restorative justice and encouraging the creation and implementation of restorative justice practices within the local criminal justice system. These practices include developing legislative policy that offers victims an opportunity to participate in restorative justice circles prior to conviction. Restorative justice circles encourage meaningful engagement and accountability and provide an opportunity for healing, reparation and reintegration.

This conference is free, but registration is required. Click [here](#) to register. For further conference details click [here](#).

### **Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship**

Father Gregory Boyle, SJ, executive director of Homeboy Industries will be the special guest speaker for the Catholic Information Center's annual Gallagher Talk on **Thursday, Oct. 24 from 7 - 8:45 p.m.** Father Boyle will share how compassion, kindness, and kinship are the tools to fight despair and decrease marginalization. Through his stories and parables, all will be reminded that no life is less valuable than another.

Father Boyle is the inspirational founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world. They employ and train former gang members in a range of social enterprises. The program also provides other therapeutic and educational services, tattoo

removal and work readiness and job training. Father Boyle's solidarity with those on the margins of society offers an inspiring model of faith in action.

Father Boyle is the author of the 2010 New York Times best seller "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion." His new book, "Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship," was published in 2017. Father Boyle received the California Peace Prize and in 2014 the White House named him a Champion of Change. He received the University of Notre Dame's 2017 Laetare Medal, the most prestigious honor given to American Catholics.

This event is fee, but registration is required. Register online [here](#).

### **Broken Mary**

Our friend and author, Kevin Matthews recently organized a march in Chicago with 'Broken Mary' on May 31st with the theme, "There is Hope for the Broken." The message of Broken Mary, Kevin states, "We're all broken. Everyone. We're not perfect, we're flawed. But we're loved."

We are grateful to Kevin for his willingness to bring his message to everyone, even to those often forgotten, the incarcerated. Kevin has shared his journey with the men who attend our Catholic services at Bellamy Creek and Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facilities in Ionia and hopes to visit E.C. Brooks Correctional Facility in Muskegon later this summer.

For more information on the March held on May 31st, click here: [Thousands march behind 'Broken Mary' statue as longtime radio host brings message of unity, healing to Chicago.](#)

### **Parish Ministry and Catechetical Conference**

We continue our plans and preparation for our annual Parish Ministry and Catechetical Conference. The 36th annual conference will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 28** at West Catholic High School. This conference will offer something for everyone to enrich your ministry experience. The prison and jail ministry will again sponsor program volunteers to attend. **If you would like to attend the conference as a Prison and Jail volunteer, please contact me by July 30 to register.**

### **3rd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

Mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on **Monday, Feb. 10, 2020**. I am excited to inform you that our guest speaker will be Father David Kelly C.P.P.S, executive director of Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation in Chicago, Illinois.

Please remember to read this newsletter completely. There is important information and resources included in the team updates and newsletter inserts. Thank you!

Peace,  
Tricia

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## **Team Schedules**

### **Carson City Team**

[Carson City East and West](#)

## **Ionia Team**

[Bellamy Creek \(IBC\)](#)

[Richard A. Handlon \(MTU\)](#)

[Michigan Reformatory \(RMI\)](#)

## **Kent County Team**

[Kent County Jail Communion Service](#)

[Kent County Jail Bible Study](#)

[Kent County Juvy](#)

## **Muskegon Team**

[EC Brooks \(LRF\)](#)

[Muskegon Correctional \(MCF\)](#)

[Muskegon County Jail](#)

## **Newaygo Team**

[Newaygo County Jail](#)

## **Ottawa County Team**

[Ottawa County Jail](#)

[Ottawa County Juvy](#)

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## **Resources for Juvenile Detention Centers**



[Catholic Icing Website](#)

[Jesus tells about a good Samaritan](#)

[Jesus tells the story of the lost sheep](#)

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## **Carson City Team**

Mr. Gerald Erskine is the new Institutional Chaplain for Carson City. If you have not already done so, please introduce yourself and welcome Chaplain Erskine when you see him.

[Carson City Team Contact List](#)

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## Ionia Team

On July 31, we will bring our, Why Welcome All? Panel Discussion to the CPI students at MTU. The panel will be included in the program at the Restorative Justice Conference in October. This visit will give the men who are planning the conference, an opportunity to listen and provide feedback to our panelists. During this visit we will also review and finalize the conference program.

### Ionia Team Contact List

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## Kent County Team

We are always looking to fill slots for the Saturday Communion Services at Kent County Jail. If you know anyone that may be interested in becoming a program volunteer, please have them contact Elizabeth at [eklein@grdiocese.org](mailto:eklein@grdiocese.org).

### Kent County Team Contact List

*Below is the Kent County Bible Request Form. Use this when an inmate lets you know they have a release date and would like a Bible. Have them fill this out and we will mail a Bible directly to their home address.*

#### [Kent County Bible Request Form](#)

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## Muskegon Team

This month, we welcome deacon candidate Jon Bowen and Father Victor Kynam to the Muskegon Team. Jon and Father Victor will serve in Brooks on Thursday afternoons at our Level IV and Level II primary services. Please welcome Father Victor and Jon when you see them.

### Muskegon County Team Contact List

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## Newaygo Team

Please welcome new volunteer Joel Jordan to the Newaygo team. Joel is a member of St. Bartholomew's Parish and looking forward to serving at our Monthly Communion Service. Joel is completing the appropriate paperwork

### Newaygo Team Contact List

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## Ottawa Team

As stated in the update letter, veteran volunteer Diane Charron has retired from the ministry after serving for more than 20 years. Please read her reflection included in the update letter and thank her for her service when you see her.

We are in need of more female volunteers at Ottawa County Jail. If you know anyone who may be interested, please have them contact our office.

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## Communion Service Sheets

### July

[7-7-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[7-7-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[7-14-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[7-14-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[7-21-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[7-21-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[7-28-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[7-28-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

### August

[8-4-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[8-4-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[8-11-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[8-11-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[8-18-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[8-18-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[8-25-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[8-25-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

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## Newsletter Inserts

[Bringing Jesus to Jail for 27 Years](#)

[Catholic Exchange - St. Dismas](#)

[Private Integrity by Ron Rohleiser, OMI](#)

[Prayer for the other](#)

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**Need help with reflection time resources?  
Check out the websites below**

[www.preacherexchange.com](http://www.preacherexchange.com)

[www.homilies.net](http://www.homilies.net)

[www.scborromeo.org](http://www.scborromeo.org)

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[www.grdiocese.org](http://www.grdiocese.org)

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