

**Catholic Diocese of Cleveland**  
**Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated**  
**PRISON MINISTER VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM**

**Section 1:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (home)

\_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \*Star preferred  
phone contact

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in a particular ministry in your Parish? Please check all that apply.

Eucharistic Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Bible Study \_\_\_\_\_ Book Club \_\_\_\_\_

Cursillo \_\_\_\_\_ Small Christian Community \_\_\_\_\_ RCIA \_\_\_\_\_

Any other \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2:**

Are you presently involved in any type of prison/jail/detention ministry?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of Ministry are you doing?

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*Please continue with Section 3 if you are **new** or **considering expansion** of present ministry*

**Section 3:**

Are you interested in visiting in a prison/jail/detention ministry as a volunteer?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If so, do you have a specific place in mind or are you open to all?

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How often are you considering and what times would you be available?

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(Please list days of the week and times during day and evening)

***The State Prisons (Lorain, Grafton, Northeast Reintegration Center) have expanded the scope of volunteer opportunities for members of the faith community.***

What would you want to do? (check all that apply and explain if you have something in mind you would be interested in.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Religious Program

\_\_\_\_\_ Mentoring an individual inmate

\_\_\_\_\_ Other curriculum or programming

Do you have a skill, experience, interest you would be willing to offer in this ministry? (please elaborate and be creative; the prisons are looking for a broad range of areas including tutoring, book discussions, crafts and needlework, carpentry and woodworking, yoga, etc.)

**Skills:** (please circle those that apply)

1. conversations on substance abuse/addiction
2. compassionate and helpful interaction on grief/loss
3. music
4. art
5. pastoral ministry
6. personal experience
7. language and math skills; assistance with the GED test
8. financial planning
9. parenting skills
10. office skills/computer skills
11. employment: seeking a job, resume writing, interviewing skills
12. other areas I would like to offer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Interests:**

Would you like to do a presentation or a demonstration on a particular topic?

**Section 4:**

Are you interested in another form of prison ministry which would not involve actual site visitation?

The following are some possibilities:

- Become a pen pal to one or more inmates
- Collect items needed such as stamps, envelopes, books, personal items  
(with the pastor's permission this could happen through your parish)
- Assist persons who have been recently released in writing resumes, finding employment
- Offer to help families of those incarcerated find resources
- Feel free to add your own ideas

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Please explain why you would like to become a prison ministry volunteer:

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Have you served in prison ministry in the past? Please explain.

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Have you or a family member ever been incarcerated? Please explain.

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Are you willing to be fingerprinted and have a background check run?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If we develop a prison ministry e-mail newsletter, would you be interested in receiving it?    \_\_\_Yes                    \_\_\_No

Thank you abundantly for completing this application.

Please send your completed form to:

Judy Liederbach  
The Parish Life Office  
The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland  
1404 East Ninth Street – Third Floor  
Cleveland, OH 44114

Or you may e-mail it to:                    [jliederbach@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:jliederbach@dioceseofcleveland.org)

***Thank you for your interest in prison ministry!!***