

# Prison Ministry

## Diocese of Arlington



This year, the Diocese of Arlington is celebrating 50 years since being established by the Vatican! The theme of the Golden Jubilee year for the Diocese of Arlington is “Renew!” This theme is meant to emphasize renewing and strengthening our faith in order to share it with others through evangelization and Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. The seven Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. These works of mercy are:

- feed the hungry
- give drink to the thirsty
- shelter the homeless
- visit the sick
- visit the prisoners
- bury the dead
- give alms to the poor.

This resource is meant to aid youth and young adults in renewing their faith by living out the corporal works of mercy, specifically visiting the prisoners.

### Opportunities for Those 18+

- Support ministry directly inside a prison. Join priests around the diocese for Mass and fellowship celebrated inside the prisons. Spend time praying the rosary and socializing before and after Mass with the inmates.
- Lead a bible study or religious education class in the prison.
- Email Bill Hall at [william.hall@ccda.net](mailto:william.hall@ccda.net) to get connected to the prison ministry near your parish.

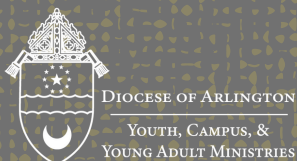
Note: some prisons require you to be 21+ to enter.

### Opportunities for All

- Assemble backpacks for men and women full of supplies that will help them transition into life outside of prison. The bags contain toiletries and other needed survival items as well as hand-written welcome notes, religious materials, and a gift card for the recipient. [View this flyer](#) or mail [volunteer@ccda.net](mailto:volunteer@ccda.net) for more information.
- Bake cookie for Kairos, a ministry that brings the joy of God to those in prison. [View this flyer](#), visit <https://kairos-bkcc.org/> or email Bill Hall at [william.hall@ccda.net](mailto:william.hall@ccda.net) for more information.

### Opportunities for Youth Ministries

- Use [Journey to Emmaus: A High School Youth Ministry Curriculum](#) to discuss ways to [love the poor and vulnerable](#) with your youth ministry. Make this a discussion while high school students make backpacks or bake cookies!



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