

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Accept the challenge** and reap the spiritual rewards of this vital ministry:

- ◆ see an inmate's life change thru your visitation, compassion and bible study;
- ◆ **provide hope** to those who have lost all hope;
- ◆ **bring peace** to those in chaos.

**How to start-up or get involved** in your local parish.

1. Meet with pastor to ascertain support.
2. Call Ray Houghton (503-863-1700) to help coordinate a meeting with your local county or state institution.
3. Complete county or state background check and training program requirements.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



**To experience and obtain the Indulgence...**

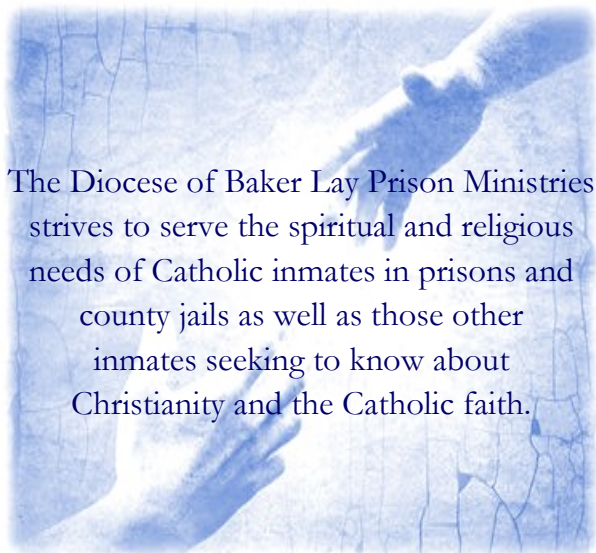
- ◆ make a brief **pilgrimage to the Holy Door**, open in every Cathedral or in the churches designated by the Diocesan Bishop, as a sign of the deep desire for true conversion.
- ◆ be linked, first and foremost, to the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and to the celebration of the **Holy Eucharist** with a **reflection on mercy**.
- ◆ accompany these celebrations with the **profession of faith** and with **prayer for the pope's intentions**.



**My thoughts also turn to those incarcerated**, whose freedom is limited. The Jubilee Year has always constituted **an opportunity for great amnesty**, which is intended to include the many people who, deserve punishment, have become conscious of the injustice they have worked and sincerely wish to re-enter society and make their honest contribution to it. **May they all be touched in a tangible way by the mercy of the Father** who wants to be close to those who have the greatest need of his forgiveness.

**They may obtain the indulgence in the chapels of the prisons.** May the gesture of directing their thought and prayer to the Father each time they cross the threshold of their cell signify for them their passage through the Holy Door, because the mercy of God is able to transform hearts, and is also able to transform bars into an experience of freedom. (Pope Francis, September 1, 2015)

## OUR MISSION



The Diocese of Baker Lay Prison Ministries strives to serve the spiritual and religious needs of Catholic inmates in prisons and county jails as well as those other inmates seeking to know about Christianity and the Catholic faith.

*I am the Lord,  
I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand  
and kept you;  
I have given you as  
a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners  
from the dungeon,  
from the prison  
those who sit in darkness.*  
(Isaiah 42:6-7)

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## PRISON MINISTRIES

Seeking for all prisoners the peace that Christ's love and truth provide thru

- ♦ **visitation,**
- ♦ **compassion,**
- ♦ **catechesis and scripture study**

by volunteers from the local parishes that serve their local State Prisons and County Jails.



*I was in prison and you came to me ...*

*... I tell you the truth, what ever you did for one  
of the these brothers of mine, you did for me.*

(Matthew 25:36, 40)