

# Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach

**Vision:** The Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach is a model of intervention in the Criminal Justice System and of successful Re-entry after release. We seek to meet the needs of the individuals who face the most challenging obstacles through direct service and community networking. We create a safe and transformative environment where members can make the radical life changes required to reach personal goals. We make ourselves available to each member through every step in the journey.

**Mission:** To visit women and men who are incarcerated and journey with them as they enter the community. Visitation is accomplished through weekly groups in jail and prison. After release, housing, case management, and transition groups are offered as we work to provide a model to the community of effective re-entry.

**Values:** We are committed to

Uphold the dignity of each person and honor his/her experience and story.

Each person's safety - physical, emotional, and mental by the wise and just use of our influence.

Honor the sanctity and equality of each person, regardless of the differences of birth and learned experiences.

Creating an open, honest, and trusting environment.

Integrity within the workplace. Staff and volunteers are responsible for high ethical conduct at all times and places.

Value honest communication, feedback, and interaction both as staff and volunteers.

Developing and maintaining collaborative relationships with the community to enhance the quality of services offered to men and women in this critical transition.

Being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. Record keeping and reporting are accurate, professional and shared freely with appropriate parties.

Through the inspiration and support of Spiritus Christi Church, we strive to embrace the challenge of the Gospel. The Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach was founded as an expression of the church's vocation. Our mission is to respond to the Gospel call, to visit women and men in prison and to journey with them as they re-enter the community.

**In Jail and Prison** Each year we provide a safe group experience for 400 men and women in prison and in jail. *“Even though we are criminals we are not animals,”* one offender said. *“We need to be treated like human beings.”* **Jail Groups** We facilitate two groups for women in the Monroe County Jail and four groups for men in prison. In these voluntary groups, men and women engage in the courageous process of facing the issues that have lead to incarceration. We offer support groups for men and women once they are released from incarceration. "I need help looking at the scary parts of my life" is something we often hear.