

St. John Vianney Church Evangelization Report

Kairos Prison Ministry

What is it?

A Christian, volunteer, International prison ministry addressing the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women and children, and to their families

Volunteers bring and show Christ's love and forgiveness to residents and to their families

Objectives:

- **Coming to terms with Christ's love and concept of forgiveness**
 - Realization of accountability for their personal actions
 - Forgiveness for themselves
- **Show Christ's love with respect and without pressure or judgment**
 - Bring residents to realization
 - The need for God to be in their lives
 - Hope rather than hopelessness
- **Establish on-going weekly accountability groups**
 - "Prayer and Share" – the real objective
- **Provide ongoing support as they develop trust, respect, ability to interact**
 - Acceptance of their own accountability
 - Build Christian community within the darkness of prison, among the inmates themselves
- **Volunteer team functions as servants of Christ but without**
 - preaching
 - judging
 - giving advice
 - Promoting any specific denomination
- Presently, St. John Vianney has three participants:
 - Don Muller,
 - Darrell Ahne
 - Chuck Knapper.
- They are open to additional members. To date the expressed interest from others has not resulted in a commitment.

- The three members from St. John Vianney have participated as team members and table leaders.
- Each has been asked to give presentations during the program.
- St. John Vianney participants make two visits per year.
- There is no cost to St. John Vianney. Participants provide personal funds to cover all costs.
- Kairos would like St. John Vianney community members to continue support through cookie donations and prayer support.
- 100 dozen cookies for each SJV team participant is requested.
- Volunteers work in teams of 20 to 45
 - The primary goal is to pray with and share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with every participant
 - Share meals and fellowship with the incarcerated on a “one-on-one” basis

RCIA

RCIA is run by Trudy and Joe Mihakcik.

- Presently there are 9 candidates for the 2013 year. They are receiving the sacraments as follows:
 - 1 is receiving Confirmation
 - 6 are receiving Communion and Confirmation
 - 2 are receiving Baptism, Communion and Confirmation.
- There are nine sponsors and 8-12 team members, for a total of approximately 25-30 meeting each Thursday night. During these meetings they review the basic tenets of Catholicism. Each team member prepares a talk to present to the candidates. Photos of the candidates are forthcoming and will be on display in the festival room in the very near future.
- They will engage in a retreat the weekend of March 1-3rd. Candidates may pay a portion of the retreat costs; however SJV does provide some support.
- Sacraments will be received at the Easter Vigil.
- This program is well supported through SJV, and the parishioners.
- The only additional support being requested at this time is prayer.