

## FREE Catholic Bibles & Study Courses for Prison Ministry Groups *Share the Bible*



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul members work in prison ministry every day. In 2017 alone, we made 16,322 visits to our incarcerated brothers and sisters.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we have the opportunity to share the Bible with people in prison.

The Society has partnered with the national Dismas Ministry to provide free Catholic Bibles as well as prayer books and Bible study courses for the prison ministers to distribute to their inmates and use in their work.

### **FREE Materials**

- The Bible is the New American Catholic Bible.
- “Pray in the Spirit” prayer book.
- The Bible study course in three (3) parts, “God with Us,” is original material developed by Dismas Ministry.
- All of the materials are formatted to be accepted in any prison system.
- These materials are provided in both English and Spanish.

These resources for inmates are tools to strengthen the faith they retain or help them rediscover the faith they lost along the way. A truly spiritual rehabilitation will serve our brothers and sisters well, whether they stay in prison or are released back to their communities.

Vincentians find the Bibles and materials are welcomed by those in prison.

We received 50 Bibles recently to distribute at the Louisville, Ky. jails. We give away a total of about 500 per year to men and women incarcerated there. They appreciate receiving Catholic versions because they contain better cross references and "all of the books." Thanks for supplying us Bibles through St. Vincent de Paul.

**Deacon Steve Marks - Vincentian**

### **A Great Project for your Prison Ministry Group**

Our Bible program will also assist the inmates to begin a process of restorative justice for themselves, their families and our communities. As they seek the healing grace of God for

themselves in their personal life, they then understand how to engage in the lives of their victims, loved ones, and the community where possible.

“By helping transform inmates from the heart outward, our fostering of the Word and prayers through the Bibles and prayer books, fosters a process of healing for all those experiencing the effects of incarceration, including the families and society,” said Tyler Curtis, executive director of the Dismas Ministry.

The Bibles, prayer books and Bible study course materials are provided **free of charge**. The only cost involved is the shipping.

**[Click here](#)** for the order form for the Bibles and materials or contact Barbara McPherson at **[bmcpherson@svdpusa.org](mailto:bmcpherson@svdpusa.org)** or 314-576-3993 ext. 217.