

**Our Lady of Fatima  
Catholic Church**  
San Clemente, CA  
**April 2013**

*Social Awareness Leadership Team (SALT) Presents*  
***Spotlight on Service:  
Catholic Detention Ministry***



**Today's "Spotlight on Service" newsletter highlights another important parish outreach, Catholic Detention Ministry. You will hear one of our parishioners share their personal experience at the end of Mass and have an opportunity to learn how you can become involved. Please enjoy learning about how the actions of our parishioners reflect the heart of our Catholic Tradition. To learn more about SALT, send an email to [SALT@olfchurch.net](mailto:SALT@olfchurch.net)**

**Fast Facts:**

**Parish Assistance Fund\*  
Disbursements**

**Nov 2012–Mar 2013**

Rent	\$2,400
Utilities	\$ 228
FiSH (Homeless Meal Ministry)	\$1,125
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,753</b>

\*Funded exclusively through donations to the parish "poor box" located just inside the side doors of the church. Donations may also be mailed directly to the parish office. Please mark **Assistance Fund** on your check.

"We need to 'go out', then, in order to experience our own anointing, its power and its redemptive efficacy: to the 'outskirts' where there is suffering, bloodshed, blindness that longs for signs, and prisoners in thrall to many evil masters."  
Pope Francis

**Catholic Detention Ministry - Diocese of Orange  
Philosophy and Goals**

Catholic Detention Ministry (CDM) responds to the Gospel mandate to visit the imprisoned. Detention ministers focus on the spiritual care of prisoners as well providing the best possible religious activities within a Christian setting. CDM's mission is to communicate the Good News of God's unconditional love to those incarcerated. CDM affirms each person, not necessarily their behavior, and invites them to grow as sons and daughters of God. Detention ministers recognize their own call to deeper conversion as well through their ministry. The works begins at the institution but extends to the church outside. Catholic Detention Ministry recognizes a responsibility to educate those who have not experienced the offender as a valuable individual.

**Services Provided:** The detention ministers serve as liturgical leaders, facilitators, and spiritual mentors. They serve as a powerful symbol of faith and God's presence in an otherwise dehumanizing environment. This pastoral presence enables reflection on the multiple life and death issues that often lead to jail and prison. CDM provides the following activities: Liturgical Services, Bible Study/Faith Enrichment, One on One Pastoral Visitation, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), Retreats and Days of Reflection, and Holy Day Activities.

<http://www.rcbo.org/detention-ministry.html> Phone: 714 634-9909

## “I was in prison, and you visited me.” (Matt 25:37)



Larry Hooper ministered for 4 years in several facilities in Orange County. Larry also volunteered for “Lights On.” After some time off he plans to return to detention ministry once again.



Doug Batezel has been ministering for 8 years at the Theo Lacy facility in Orange. In addition to group activities, Doug meets with many inmates on an individual basis.

Matthew’s gospel tells us that when we care for others, we meet Jesus. He specifically states that when we visit those in prison, we are visiting Jesus. We have some people in our parish who do just that, they visit people in prison. Doug, Larry and Sylvia would be happy to talk to you about their ministry. Feel free to contact them at [SALT@olfchurch.net](mailto:SALT@olfchurch.net)

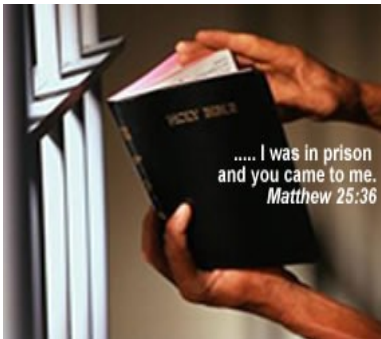


Sylvia Puentes has a special heart for our youth and has ministered to those in juvenile hall for many years.

Serving the afflicted is our mission and that means taking the time to restore justice and bring healing to victims of crime and violence as well as bring the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ to those in prison.

Larry Hooper

## “LIGHTS ON” HELPING INMATES WITH RE-ENTRY



St. Vincent de Paul's *Lights On* program operates out of an RV parked outside the Central Jail Complex in Santa Ana seven days a week between the hours of 10 pm and 4 am. *Lights On* works in a collaborative partnership with the diocesan Office of Restorative Justice/Detention Ministry to meet the immediate needs of inmates released from our jails in the middle of the night with little or no resources for re-entry. The *Lights On* RV is stocked with donated resources to meet an individual’s most basic needs.

### Needed donations include:

- Coffee, sugar, equal, creamer
- Paper cups, napkins & plastic spoons
- Snacks, donuts, sweet rolls
- Bottles of drinking water
- Cigarettes
- Close toed shoes or boots, jackets, sweats (large)
- Cash & Non-dated bus passes (10 packs preferred)

### Volunteer opportunities:

- Office duties, phone calls
- Working on-site (in shifts OK)
- Scheduling volunteers
- Motor home cleaning & maintenance, supplies tracking
- Volunteer training
- Marketing and promotion

### Want to Learn More?

Representatives from Catholic Detention Ministry and “Lights On” will be here with their RV to share their experiences. Join SALT and fellow parishioners for this special presentation.

**Where:** OLF McGowan Hall

**When:** Wed. April 24th—7pm

**Why:** To become closer to Christ in our daily lives!

For more information on LIGHTS ON volunteer opportunities and donations contact:

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