

Sister Patricia

Correctional Chaplain is the title of Sister Patricia.

My call is to hear the cry of the poor, following Jesus's mission to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and release to prisoners.

My work is to support the incarcerated in their spiritual journey, to support them in their rehabilitation process, and to encourage them in their hope for a better quality of life. I am part of a pastoral care team. We coordinate and supervise fourteen faith groups, volunteers, and programs of both worship and study. We make weekly rounds in the segregation unit. When a family member calls with information about sickness or death in the family we inform the inmate and provide bereavement counseling. We lead worship in our own faith group and we instruct the employees in matters of inmate beliefs and practices.

I am very grateful when I have witnessed inmates who genuinely seek self-improvement and spiritual growth. It is a moment of grace to walk with them.

Another area I am involved with is the spiritual reentry programs for self-improvement to prepare the inmates to return home and not return to prison. There is a team of three chaplains, a Protestant minister, a Muslim imam, and myself working together.

Sister Trish has spent the past twenty years in prison ministry. She is shown with colleagues from the correction institution where she participated in training sessions.

