

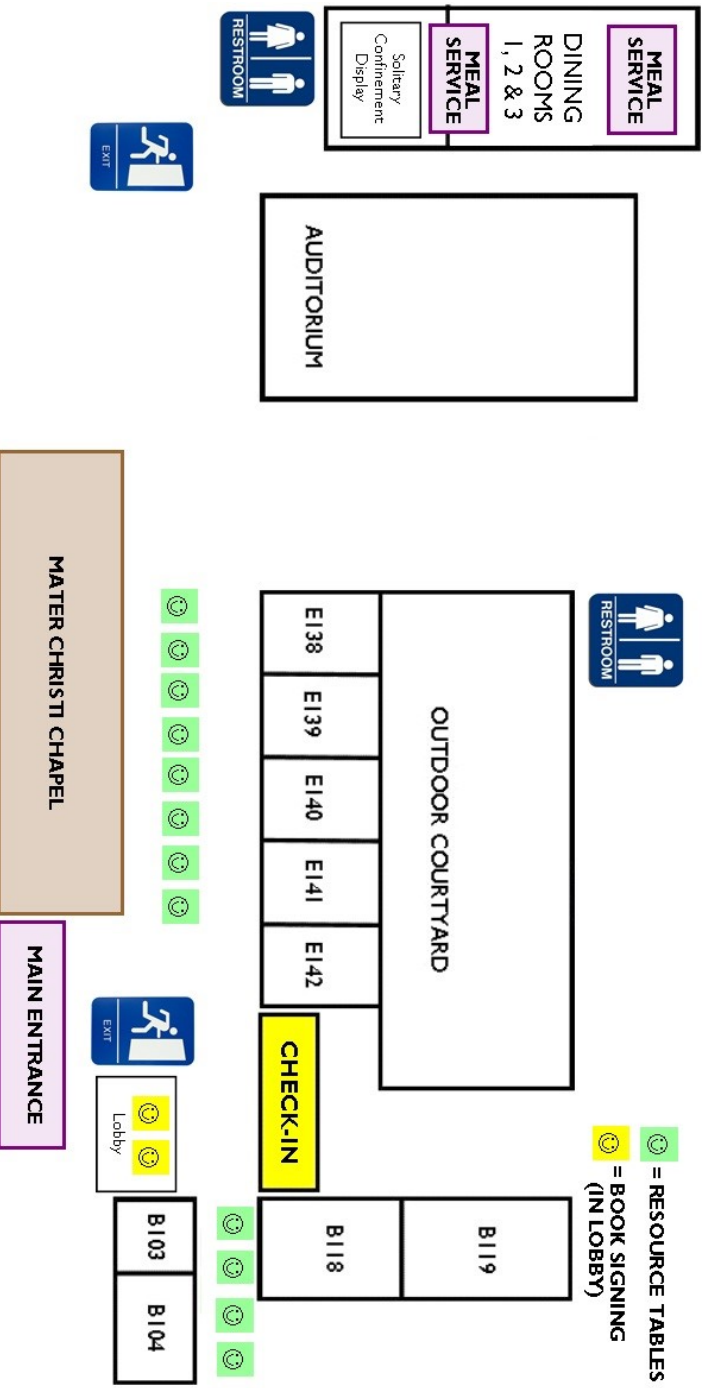
# “Concluding the Year of Mercy Behind Bars”

## A National Catholic Prison Ministry Conference



*The name of God is mercy.*  
- Pope Francis

**November 10-11, 2016**  
**Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center**  
**3501 South Lake Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**



*Welcome*  
to the  
*National Catholic Prison Ministry Conference*

In addition to hearing from our distinguished presenters, we hope you are ready to share experiences and best practices with other Catholics working in prison outreach across the country. The format of this conference creates opportunities for you to do just that—share and learn from each other. You are welcome to share materials from your ministry on our resource tables. Various rooms are designated for specific interests (i.e. family outreach, youth, etc.), so you can converse with others about those topics. (Signs are posted at each of the rooms.) There are also reflection questions posted around the center so you can share your best practices and thoughts at any time. Breaks and Open Forum time will allow you the opportunity to make those important connections. Books are for sale, organizational exhibits are on display, and a Solitary Confinement Cell replica is available for you to experience throughout the conference. The replica is based on cells in the solitary confinement unit at Waupun Correctional Institution (WCI) in Wisconsin.

Regarding solitary confinement, it is one of the most burning, moral challenges facing our faith community. It has been designated as “torture” by the United Nations, and its abuse by our U.S. penal authorities should sound the alarm in every parish and diocese. Like ending the death penalty, a cause that is making progress, it is imperative that we raise our voices and stand in solidarity against its abuse.

If you have any questions throughout the event, please do not hesitate to ask any of the conference staff (wearing the pink conference T-shirts). A map of the Cousins Center is located on the back of this program. Thank you for attending!

The Staff and Board of Directors of Dismas Ministry

**Elena Segura** Director of Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education, Archdiocese of Chicago; educating Catholics and the general public toward understanding and respecting the dignity of immigrants, advocating for immigration reform, and safeguarding the rights of the undocumented and their families.



*Topic of Presentation:* Pastoral Migratoria: immigrant leadership ministry for service, accompaniment and justice

**Rev. George Williams, SJ** Catholic chaplain on death row in San Quentin State Prison, California - a five-story human warehouse for 750 maximum-security prisoners; advocate to end the death penalty; member of the Society of Jesus.



*Topic of Presentation:* Ministry for Prisoners on Death Row

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## Conference Schedule

Thursday, November 10, 2016

**Deacon Bill Hickson** Coordinator of Jail and Prison Ministry for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, training, assigning, and coordinating the activities of 190 volunteers involved in jail and prison visitation, mentoring, and support groups in 30 counties of northeast Iowa.



*Topic of Presentation:* Getting Started in Prison Ministry

**Amalia Molina** Executive Director of *Restorative Justice Works*-Los Angeles, providing services to families of incarcerated; author of *The Power of Love: My Experience in a U.S. Immigration Jail*, the account of her 18-month detention, along with her husband, while their children survived without parents.



*Topic of Presentation:* Ministry for Families of the Incarcerated

**Dale Recinella, J.D., M.T.S** Author of *The Biblical Truth About America's Death Penalty, Now I Walk on Death Row, and When We Visit Jesus in Prison*; Spiritual counselor and Catholic Correctional Chaplain in Florida's prisons, ministering cell-to-cell to the ~400 men on Florida's death row and the ~2,000 men in Florida's long-term solitary confinement.



*Topic of Presentation:* Ending the Death Penalty

**Rev. Chris Reuter, OFM** Prison Ministry Coordinator in the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois; founder of a statewide network for prison ministries; national speaker on reconciliation, spirituality and restorative justice issues.



*Topic of Facilitation:* Catholic Prison Ministry Network

- 1:00 – 2:30 pm Arrival, Check-in (A room is reserved for luggage storage.)
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm **Special Session A-Rm B104:** Focus on Chaplains, Deacon Clyde Davis (CA)
- Special Session B-Rm B118:** A National Catholic Prison Ministry Caucus, Facilitator: Rev. Chris Reuter OFM (IL)
- Special Session C-Rm B119:** Prison Ministry 101, Deacon Bill Hickson (IA)
- 2:30 - 2:40 pm Break
- 2:40 – 2:45 pm Opening Welcome, Ron Zeilinger, Executive Director of Dismas Ministry, **B118-B119**
- 2:45 – 3:45 pm Rev. George Williams, SJ  
“Death Row Ministry” **B118-B119**
- 3:45 – 4:00 pm Break
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm Amalia Molina – “Ministry for Families of Incarcerated” **B118-B119**
- 5:00 – 5:15 pm Break
- 5:15 – 5:40 pm Vespers, **Mater Christi Chapel**
- 5:45 – 6:45 pm Dinner, **Dining Halls 1, 2 & 3**
- 6:45 – 7:00 pm Break
- 7:00 – 8:00 pm Keynote, Jeanne Bishop, “Victim-Offender Reconciliation” **B118-B119**

Friday, November 11, 2016

- 7:00 – 7:45 am Arrival, Check-in (A room is reserved for luggage storage.)  
Morning Refreshments in **Dining Halls 1, 2, & 3**
- 8:00 – 8:20 am Archbishop Jerome ListECKI  
**Dining Halls 1, 2, & 3**
- 8:20 – 8:35 am Break
- 8:35 – 9:35 am Keynote, Rev. Mike Kennedy “Healing in Prison” **B118-B119**
- 9:35 – 10:15 am Open Forum: Break, Book Sales, Small group discussions, Confinement Cell Walk-in
- 10:15 – 11:15 am Rev. Ron Cloutier “Re-entry” **B118-B119**
- 11:15am-12:30pm Lunch, **Dining Halls 1, 2, & 3**
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm Keynote, Dale Recinella “Ending the Death Penalty” **B118-B119**
- 1:30 – 2:15 pm Open Forum: Break, Book Sales, Small group discussions, Confinement Cell Walk-in
- 2:15 – 3:00 pm Elena Segura, “Immigration Detention” **B118 & B119**
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm Closing Prayer

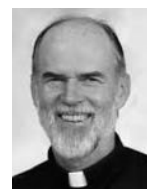
## Presenters

**Jeanne Bishop** Author of *Change of Heart-Justice, Mercy, and Making Peace with My Sister's Killer*, the story of her journey to forgive and meet with the man who murdered her pregnant sister and her sister's husband; public defender in Cook County; advocate to end the death penalty.



*Topic of presentation:* Forgiveness, Redemption, and Reconciliation: A murder victim's family member on her change of heart

**Rev. Mike Kennedy, SJ** In 2007, Fr. Mike founded the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative to create restorative practices for the incarcerated, especially youth. The California Chief of Probation Officers and City of Los Angeles recognized him for his work with incarcerated youth, their families, and communities.



*Topic of Presentation:* Ignatian Spirituality, Pope Francis and Healing in Prison

**Rev. Ron Cloutier** Director of Correctional Ministry for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston; Catholic chaplain at the Harris County Jail; founder of *Isaiah House* and *Providence House*, assisting men and women re-entering society after incarceration; member of Texas Catholic Correctional Ministers.



*Topic of Presentation:* What good is forgiveness without restoration? Re-entry, Halfway Houses, The Isaiah Project-Houston

**Deacon Clyde Davis** Chaplain Specialist for state employed Catholic chaplains, building a stronger network of support for current chaplains and recruiting new people to the ministry; contractor to the California Catholic Conference; thirteen years as chaplain in high security state prison.



*Topic of Presentation:* Assessing & Assisting Catholic Chaplains in the World's Largest Prison System