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St. Dismas Guild ~ Prison Ministry

“Lord, when did I see you ..in prison, and not help you?” Matt. 25:44

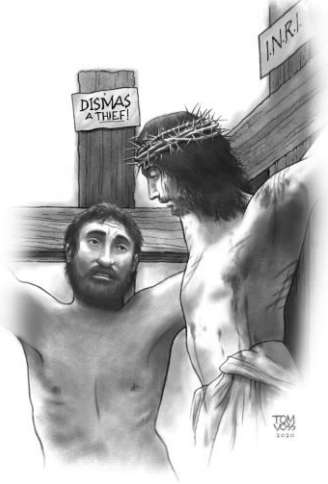
St. Dismas Guild is a nonprofit organization which provides Catholic Bibles and Bible Study workbooks, etc., free of charge, to inmates.

Donations can be made on our website www.StDismasGuild.org
or by mail, PO Box 2129, Escondido, CA, 92033.

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June 2022



TESTIMONY

Dear St Dismas Guild, thank you once again for your newsletters, prayers, and for the Catholic Bible you sent to me. I can say I'm honestly thankful for what God did for me and for what he continues to do for me.

When I was incarcerated at San Quentin State prison back in April 1980 the gospel of Jesus Christ was preached to me there and about a week later, I was baptized for the forgiveness of all my sins according to Acts 2:38 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. I was baptized Easter Sunday, April 20, 1980, behind the protestant chapel by water immersion, by an elderly brother from the church of Christ. I've been a Christian born-again ever since then.

I've had more Peace and Happiness in the last 44 years of incarceration than I've had out on the streets for 24 years. God has given me a testimonial of humility, peace, and happiness that surpasses all understanding, and I can share my Faith with others and experience better thinking and reasoning than I ever could out in our great society.

Today I know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and it's been all because of Jesus and His cross that I live and move about today. Jesus took all my sins away on that cross where he bled and died for all my sins. God has been good to me. I thank God for His son Jesus Christ, and I thank God in prayer for everything.

Thank you for being there for me and for your newsletters. I look forward to heaven soon and a better earth and existence now and then.

With this sickness pandemic and the war movements in the east I just pray for peace here and abroad one day soon. Life is so much better and rewarding for me today without darkness but with the light of Jesus Christ in my life.

Thank you once again for St Dismas Guild and for your newsletters with all the testimonies. You are so kind and faithful! Grateful, P. R.

What a powerful testimony P.R., you confessed your sinfulness when you heard what Peter said in Acts 2:38,

“You must reform and be baptized, each one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, that your sins may be forgiven; then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” It is amazing how in the 44 years of incarceration the Spirit has been moving in your life. It also is amazing how it took doing time for you to hear the Word preached to you. God certainly has been good to you. Your thankfulness and humility show your sincerity. It took repentance for you to receive what God was offering you. The Spirit is enabling you to share your faith with others. Yet faith without works is dead so continue to be thankful, joyful, and humble giving all the glory to God.

When you fall back into sin James 5:16 says, “Hence, declare your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may find healing.” In the Catholic Church we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation which gives you the grace to be reconciled with God and one another. We are so happy the testimony of others in the newsletter has helped you. May God continue to bless you with His love and forgiveness.

DOING TIME WITH JESUS

Dear St. Dismas Guild, Praise the Lord for all you angels! Thank you so much for your prayers, bible studies, friendship, newsletters, and love. I was blessed to find you while I was incarcerated, and you continue those blessings now that I'm out. Your teachings and support have changed my life. I was raised Catholic, went to Catholic schools, and was involved heavily in the church. (Teen program and readings at mass and I sang in the choir.) All of it filled my need to belong, but I still felt empty. I wanted a closer relationship with Our Lord, but I didn't know how to do it. Then I went to prison and God blessed me with you angels! I can honestly say, **Prison changed my life for the better! With your bible studies I found JESUS!**

Thank you so much for saving my life through Christ! I want to let everyone know what a blessing you are. Please accept my small gift to help with your ministry. I look forward to your newsletters.

Thank you for your support, S.D.

Dear S.D., we are so happy to hear you found Jesus, and how He has changed your life! See **Ecc.11:5**. The beauty of God's Love and mercy is endless. He never stops loving us, no matter where we've been or what we've done. But He does allow us to make our own choices. Read **Sirach 15:14-17** about Freewill.

He is very patient with us, as in, **2 Peter 3:9**, "**He is patient with you, because He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants All to turn away from their sins.**" So yes, you are blessed. Jesus loved you so much He gave you this time to find Him once again. Just like the one sheep that was lost out of a 100, **He wants Everyone to be saved. Matt. 18:12-14** Also see, **2 Peter 3:15**. God has blessed you with His grace and giving you a new life, and more time to grow in a beautiful intimate relationship with Him.

My prayer to you is, **2 Peter 3:18** "**Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to Him be the glory now and forever Amen.**" God-bless you on this new journey of life He has given you!

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Dear St Dismas Guild, first I want to start off by thanking your ministry. It has changed my way of thinking and I put all my Faith and trust in God's hands and let His will be done and not have to worry about anything but serving Him and reading His words.

Your books have really made my two years I've spent in prison peaceful and worry free. Yeah, there's been times when I get a bit anxious or worried or evil spirits tempt me, but **once I read His word it puts me back in a better mindset and at peace, knowing that He loves me and is by my side.** I've seen how He has blessed me, my mom, my kids, and family and that's helped me not to stress over them because God is taking care of them.

I'm sending you this donation hoping you can send me another Bible Study workbook. The one I had I couldn't take with me to the new facility where I'll be staying the last two years of my sentence. I'll be trying to preach His word and hopefully I can save someone's life like you guys saved mine and other inmates lives.

Well, I hope to hear from you soon. Can you please enroll me in your monthly newsletter? May God keep blessing your ministry. P.S. Please pray for me. F.B.

Dear F.B., It was a joy to read your letter. It shows that when we live according to God's Will, no matter what our circumstance, we will be at peace. You are blessed with the knowledge that you are loved by God. That is so important, and it is so lacking in today's world. Your trust in Jesus has changed your life; it can change many others. By your example and by speaking about God's love for us, you will save many souls. "**Let your light shine before men.**" **Matthew 5:16**

You will be receiving the monthly newsletter as well as a Bible Study and additional materials. Please share the list of books with others and ask them to write to us for a free Bible and Bible Study workbook. Maybe you can start a Bible Study group in your new facility.

Thank you for your donation and your prayers. We will pray for your needs and your family before the Blessed Sacrament. "**Have no anxiety at all... the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**" **Philippians 4:6-7**

DEACON KEN'S CORNER

LETTER FROM THE LATE DEACON KEN FINN, dated June 1982.

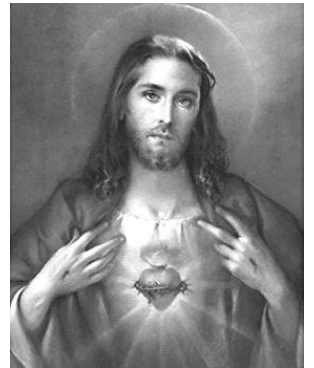
"Clergy" - "Father, please, over here please" These were the calls being made to the visiting priest who accompanied me on my rounds at the jail. Men and women were calling out to seek repentance and forgiveness from God. The pain and misery seemed like it was coming from all sides. The priest was moved to deep compassion and lovingly spoke the words of our Lord, the words of Love and Forgiveness. We stopped and heard a young transvestite explain why his life is so painful. We prayed with the young man and asked for the Lord's healing power to come upon him.

This priest is the pastor of a large affluent parish and the reality of these people's lives left great lines of sorrow in his face. He gave me a cash donation to buy some spiritual reading material for them. I will always remember not just his ability to solve financial problems, but for his Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and the compassion in his eyes and the Love in his heart. He is a fine Christ bearer of the light of the world in a very dark place like a jail, where the least of our brothers and sisters live.

SACRED TRADITION

THE CHURCHES DEDICATION FOR JUNE: is to

The **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church. www.catholicculture.org



A Few Feast Days

- **June 5th** Pentecost
- **June 12th** Trinity Sunday
- **June 16th** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
- **June 20th** The Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- **June 24th** The Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- **June 29th** Peter and Paul.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATE, especially to all the inmates. It is very encouraging to everyone at St. Dismas Guild that inmates consider this Ministry important enough to contribute to and show their appreciation. Know that your prayer intentions are in our prayers.

Your generous gifts are helping us continue to send our Bread of Life Catholic Bible Study workbooks, Bibles, Prayer Books, Holy Cards, etc. to inmates each week and also our Monthly Newsletters.

Currently Serving:

- 941 Prison Facilities.
- 4,600 Total receiving our monthly newsletter.
- 67 avg. New Inmates requesting info. each month.
- 99 New Facilities added in 2021.

*Let the Peace of Christ be with you always,
St. Dismas Guild*

