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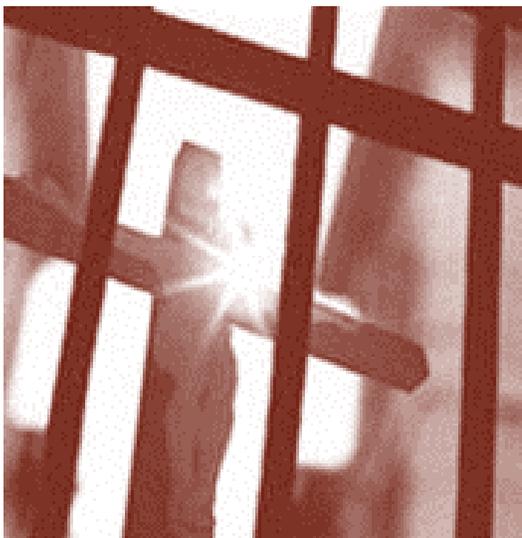
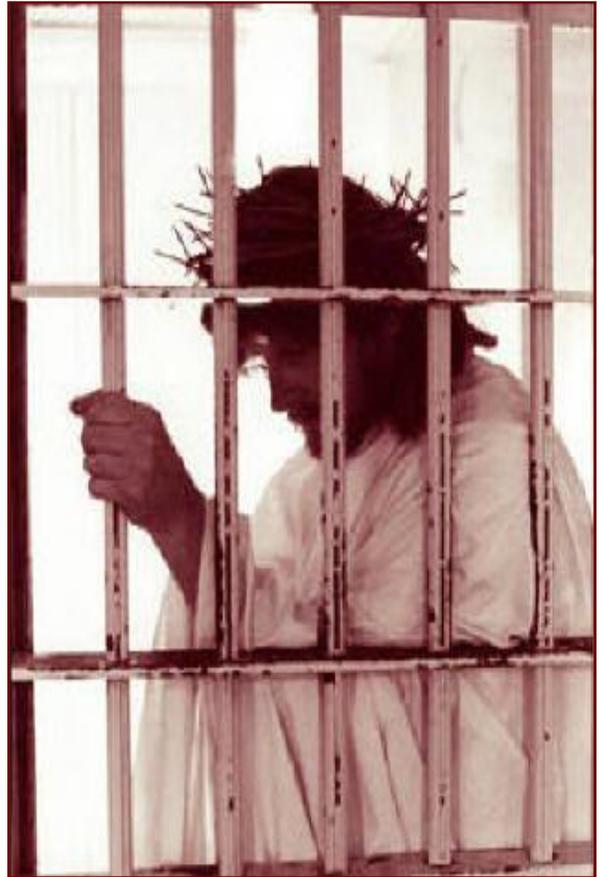
February 4, 2016

Dear Mrs. Patti Melvin,

Thank you for sending this latest material along with the additional prayer cards I requested. I immediately shared the booklet on **LOVE AND SUFFERING** with one of my fellow inmates here. The next time I saw him, he thanked me, saying the material helped him resolve a difficult problem he was going through privately. I expect you will be hearing from Peter soon.

I look forward to taking the prayer cards with me to Mass tomorrow. Much of my focus and attention right now is reaching out to the Catholic community here that has fallen away from the Faith for one reason or another. 42% of the prison population claim to be Catholic. Most of them prefer to attend the Protestant services because they are more **FUN**. It is fine if Christians get together to socialize, but we must bear in mind that there is a war going on at the spiritual level and everything is at stake! I will constantly promote the Living Rosary here and everything you send to me goes to bring souls back to God.

The work you are doing is just wonderful and I am always inspired when I read the material you send. At the same time, it is also a kind of crutch for me since I am shy and it is hard for me to talk to others about religion and know the right thing to say. Instead, I offer them a pamphlet or booklet which I receive from you. Your stuff is really eye-catching and well received! By God's Grace, our efforts have made a big difference in this unit.



I first arrived here in 2011 and we were lucky to see a dozen show up for Mass. Since we have been working and spreading the Living Rosary, we now have 20 or 30 at Mass regularly. I can't take much credit, but I will do what I can to keep it rolling. It seems to me when people are bent on getting drunk, what they really want is the Eucharist; and when they are being promiscuous, they really long for marriage.

It occurs to me that so many of our youth belong to gangs because they are seeking to belong to a community that cares about them. This community is the Mystical Body of Christ. The Church has so much to offer them. Thank you for helping us to learn our Faith and live it.

< Richard - TX >

"That thou mightest open the eyes of the blind, and bring forth the prisoner out of prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house."

Isaiah 42:7