

STELLA MARIS MINISTRIES

Men's Prison Ministry

"For I...was in prison and you visited Me" [Mt 25:35-36]. The Stella Maris Men's Prison Ministry is a small group of dedicated christian volunteers who visit the St. Catherine Correctional institution and Tamarind Farm every Friday. Our group consists of both Male and Female volunteers.

The Ministry was founded by Monsignor Richard Albert in the summer of 1994, and is currently made up of members from Stella Maris, Sts. Peter and Paul, Reconciliation, Atonement, St. Joseph and Mother Theresa's Sisters of Charity. The team is supported by our current Pastor , Fr. Howard and the other Pastors from various participating Churches. Each member of the Ministry must be registered with the office of the Correctional Services and receive approval before they can visit any of the institutions. This is a very strict and important procedure. We are trained on the do's and don'ts policy for each institution.

We meet at Stella Maris, every Friday morning at approximately 9:00am and depart for Spanish Town (or we meet at the institutions at the latest, 9:30 am) to begin at 10:00am for a one hour session.

During the hour, we share the Word from the Daily Scriptures, Daily Prayers, Songs and Music. We offer assistance by providing medications, reading materials, art supplies, toiletries and to those leaving the institution we provide clothing. We prepare luncheons at Christmas, and distribute bun and cheese at Easter.

We are always happy to share, and are also looking forward to recruiting any interested persons. As a small group, we survive by support from the Church, a few fundraisers and donations from some good corporate supporters.

Our plan is to have our regular meetings every last Friday of each month.