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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
OF THE OFFICE OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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VICTIMS SYMPOSIUM

April 10, 2019 9am—3:30pm
Diocesan Pastoral Center
1201 E. Highland Ave., San Bernardino

Embracing Hope

MORNING KEYNOTE

*The Journey Towards Healing
and the New Normal*

Sr. Terry Maher, CPPS, MTS, BCC

Adjusting to a “new normal” is never easy. It takes energy. It takes hope and patience. It takes understanding. It takes a willingness to be open to Whatever may come.

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE

Turning Trauma into Motivation and Healing

Dr. Marco Elias, Ph. D

The effects of trauma varies from person to person, and from one event to another. . We will share some ideas on how to keep motivation up in order to successfully continue in the healing process.

ALSO

- Family and Friends of Murder Victims
- Parents of Murdered Children
- Option House
- San Bernardino DA, Bureau of Victims Services
- The Journey
- Love One Another Prayer Services for Murder Victims

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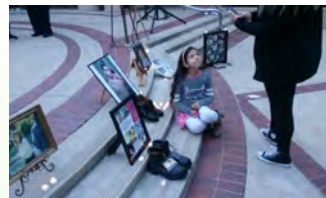
FREE EVENT

[Register here](#)

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 7-13

Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future.



National Crime Victims' Rights Week is celebrated every year in April. The week is dedicated to learn about victimization, the effect victimization has on individuals, families, friends and the community, and to promote laws, policies and programs to help victims of crime. Candlelight Memorial services are held in various locations during the week. [Click here](#) to light a candle for victims.

Sunday, April 7 11:30am - 1:30pm
Rose Hills Memorial Park, (gate 20), Whittier

Monday, April 8 12pm - 1pm
SB Government Center Rotunda.
385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino

Wednesday, April 10 7pm - 10pm
Palm Desert Civic Center Park
43-900 San Pablo St., Palm Desert

Thursday, April 11 7pm - 10pm
Riverside County Historic Courthouse
4050 Main St., Riverside

Thursday, April 11 6pm - 9pm
Family and Friends of Murder Victims
Rancho Cucamonga Civic Center Courtyard
10500 Civic Center Drive

Sunday, April 14 6pm
Memory Garden Memorial Park, Brea
455 W. Central Ave., Brea



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Common Ground for Peace

By Kesha McGee

Inland Congregations United for Change



Gun violence isn't something new to San Bernardino. In 2016 it plagued our community at its highest rates. In response, [Inland Congregations United for Change \(ICUC\)](#)

quickly took action and came up with a plan to try and win our streets back from gun violence. We and researched many strategies. One such strategy is [Ceasefire](#). Ceasefire has proven to reduce gun violence by providing people at the highest risk of committing crimes with wrap-around services to give them skills and resources needed to improve their lives. [Common Ground for Peace](#) was launched and modeled after Ceasefire. We put our strategies in action which included many meetings with local Law Enforcement, City Council and Mayor's office, as well as a monthly **Peace Walk** through different neighborhoods to support or community and show solidarity in putting an end to gun violence. Through putting pressure on local government and Law Enforcement we finally got Ceasefire to San Bernardino in December 2017. San Bernardino City has since named it the **Violence Intervention Program (VIP)**. Even though this was a victory for our city, there are many barriers on the long journey of successfully implementing the program.



Love One Another Prayer Service for Murder Victims



The Office of Restorative Justice provides grief assistance and support groups to families who have lost a loved one to murder. Led by Priests, Deacons, and Lay Ministers, 184 prayer services were held at murder sites throughout the Diocese in 2018. Since January 1st of this year, there have been 53 prayer services. We wish to thank the parishes and the community for their

continued support of this most important ministry. We continue to work towards peace and an end to gun violence in our neighborhoods. [Click here](#) for more information on the **Love One Another Prayer Services for Murder Victims**. [Click here](#) to become a prayer leader.

California becomes 4th state in the US to declare a moratorium on the Death Penalty.

On March 13, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order declaring a moratorium on the Death Penalty. In his statement Bishop Barnes says, "We must continue to comfort and accompany families of who have lost a loved one to murder while advocating for programs and support systems that provide opportunities for genuine healing and meaningful peace." The California Catholic Conference (CCC) said, "We also encourage the Governor to use well the time of the moratorium to promote civil dialogue on alternatives to the death penalty, including giving more needed attention and care to the victims of violence and their families." [Read sacbee article](#)



[Read Bp. Barnes Statement](#) [Read CCC Statement](#)

Keeping Hope: Families of the Incarcerated

Families - parents, siblings, children, spouse - having to endure the incarceration of a family member often feel broken and alienated. **Keeping Hope** connects families to let them know they are not alone. The Office of Restorative Justice offers a monthly support group for families at the Diocesan Pastoral Center from 6:30pm- 8:30pm. Upcoming dates are March 28, May 23 and June 27.



Pope Francis visits incarcerated Juveniles in Panama during World Youth Day



"Time belongs to God. Even time in prison does not escape God. Those who are in detention must not live as if their time in prison had been take from them completely: even time in prison is God's

time." St. John Paul II, **Jubilee in the Prisons**. On each of his pastoral visits, Pope Francis has taken time to visit jails, prisons and juvenile halls to show solidarity with the incarcerated. During **World Youth Day** in Panama, Pope Francis visited the **Las Garzas de Pacora Juvenile Detention Center**. [Read more](#)

Bishops and Episcopal Vicars Visits to Detention Centers



On various occasions each year, Bishop Barnes, Bishop del Riego, Fr. Rafael Partida, EV and Fr. Romeo Selección, EV visit various detention centers in the Diocese. These are opportunities for the incarcerated to meet their Bishops and Episcopal Vicars and vice versa. Organized around the Ministerial Year, the occasions are: All Souls Day, Thanksgiving, Good Friday, Mother's Day Our Lady of Guadalupe, Ash Wednesday



Advisory Team

An **Advisory Team** has been formed for the Office of Restorative Justice (ORJ). The team had its initial meeting on February 23 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Comprised of 12 members, the Advisory Team will assist the ORJ with feedback and advice on its programs and assist with refining the mission and vision of the Office.

Families of the Incarcerated Get-together

Saturday, July 13 10am-1pm
Diocesan Pastoral Center
1201 E. Highland Ave., San Bernardino

A FREE EVENT for networking and fellowship for families from *Get on the Bus*, *Family Express*, *Keeping Hope Support Group*. Food, Games, Stories, Face Painting, Bounce House. Please bring a photo of your loved one. For more information, contact [Anna Hamilton](#).



Family Express



Family Express, a ministry of the **Center for Restorative Justice Works** is currently in need of **Hospitality Bus Leaders (HBL)** for the San Bernardino area. The Diocesan

Pastoral Center serves as a pick-up site for these trips from San Bernardino. **Family Express** pays \$150 plus mileage. Please follow the link below for more information and to register to be a HBL. [click here](#)

Legislation to Watch

[AB 54](#) Peace Officers: audio and video recording: disclosure

[AB 53](#) Rental housing discrimination: applications: criminal records.

[AB 45](#) Inmates: medical visits

[AB 32](#) Private, for-profit prisons

[AB 415](#) Victim compensation: relocation: pets

[AB 561](#) Prisons: rehabilitation programs

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[AB 629](#) Crime victims: the California Victim Compensation Board.

[AB 665](#) Parole: youth offender parole hearings.

[AB 732](#) County jails: pregnant inmates.

[AB 972](#) Proposition 47: resentencing.

[AB 1076](#) Criminal Records: automatic relief

[AB 1446](#) Inmates: driver's licenses.

[ACA 12](#) Death penalty.

[SB 36](#) Risk Assessment Tools; pretrial release

[SB 42](#) The Getting Home Safe Act

[SB 144](#) Criminal Administrative Fees

[SB 136](#) Sentencing

[SB 269](#) Wrongful convictions.

[SB 375](#) Victims of crime: application for compensation.

[SB 555](#) Jails and juvenile facilities: telephone services: stores.

SB 10 Update

SB 10 is the **Bail Reform** law that abolishes the monetary bail system in California. The bill was signed into law in August of last year. A push by opponents of the law has gathered enough signatures to place SB10 on the 2020 ballot calling for a referendum. As a result, implementation of the law will be delayed. [Read more.](#)

Video Message of Pope Francis

7th World Congress Against the Death Penalty
Brussels, 27 February - 1 March 2019

[Click here](#)



open wide our hearts

the enduring call to love *a pastoral letter against racism*

[Read the letter here](#)

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Online Resources

- The National Catholic Pledge to End the Death Penalty [Take the Pledge](#)
- Catholic Legislative Network [Join here](#)
- Catholic Mobilizing Network [Click here](#) [Join here](#)
- Insight Prison Project [Click here](#) [VOEG](#)
- Partnership for Re-entry Program PREP [Click here](#)
- Option House [Click here](#)
- Grief After a Murder [Click here](#)
- Time for Change Foundation [Click here](#)
- California Catholic Conference Legislative Info. [Click here](#)

Become a Detention Ministry Volunteer at CRC, Norco

California Rehabilitation Center (CRC) is a men’s facility with a population of 2,445 with only 3 Catholic volunteers. The chaplaincy is need bi-lingual (Spanish/English) volunteers for Thursday evenings and English volunteers for Wednesday nights. Volunteers help with faith sharing groups, Sacramental Preparation and Communion Services. All volunteers will need to be able to pass a background check. For more information contact [Chaplain Teddy Harder](#).

2019 Behavioral Health Conference

finding Hope in a changing world

Wednesday, May 8, 2019
8:30am—4:00pm
 Diocesan Pastoral Center,
 1201 East Highland Avenue
 San Bernardino, CA 92404

Keynote Address:

Comparative Study of Understanding of Spirituality and Accepted Norms of Social life in the late 20th Century and Now

Dr. Amanda Alexander

2nd Keynote Address:

The Psychological impact and Sociological consequences of loneliness (lack of family and community support) as it relates to end of life issues.

Very Rev. Anthony C. Dao, PhD.

[Click here to register](#)



Governor Newsom proposes new plans for the Division of Juvenile Justice

Formerly known as the California Youth Authority, the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is part of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). The DJJ operates four facilities in Stockton, Pine Grove and Camarillo. Currently the DJJ houses 661 young persons between the ages of 15 and 25. The median age is 19. The most recent report of the DJJ (December 2018), shows the following statistics of incarcerated youth from the Diocese of San Bernardino:

<i>San Bernardino County</i>	29 males	3 females
<i>Riverside County</i>	47 males	1 female
Total: 80		Read more

Restorative justice understands that the victim and the offender are interconnected. Deep pain brings with it an invitation for healing. That's possible when a community of faith supports both victim and offender.

Fr. Mike Kennedy, SJ



April

- 7-13 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week
- 10 Victims’ Symposium, DPC
- 13 Detention Ministry New Volunteer Orientation, DPC
- 16 Chrism Mass, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Yucaipa
- 19 Bishops and Episcopal Vicars Good Friday Visits to Detention Centers
- 30 Catholic Advocacy Day, Sacramento

May

- 8 Behavioral Health Conference, DPC
- 12 Bishops and Episcopal Vicars Mothers’ Day Visits to Detention Centers
- 18 Detention Ministry New Volunteer Orientation
- 23 **Keeping Hope** — Families of the Incarcerated Support Group

June

- 27 **Keeping Hope** — Families of the Incarcerated Support Group
- 29 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, DPC