



Orthodox Christian
PRISON MINISTRY

WHO
WE
ARE

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry is the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church in the US and an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops.



OUR MISSION

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry serves those who are incarcerated and their families, and provides resources, training, and support to our ministry partners so that lives are transformed and God is glorified.

WHAT WE DO

RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT - Through our Correspondence Ministry, OCPM case managers maintain relationships with Orthodox and non-Orthodox prisoners over years and decades at a time.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN PRISON MINISTRY - We rigorously train Orthodox clergy and laity through a one-year academic program, in partnership with St. Tikhon's Seminary.

CHURCH PROGRAMS - We train, inspire, and partner with churches to establish parish-based prison ministries and implement OCPM's religious education and spiritual formation programs, like Early Christian History, Stories of Faith: The Parables of Jesus, and the PenPal Ministry.

STORYBOOK CONNECTIONS™ - Storybook Connections™ is an OCPM program that enables volunteers to enter a jail to record incarcerated parents reading a storybook for their child. The recording along with the book is then sent to the child, who now has a tangible connection to his or her parent.

YOUR 2024 IMPACT

1,268 people in prison who corresponded with OCPM

236 new case files of people in prison opened

55,059 spiritual books, study courses, Bible studies, daily readings, and spiritual reflections sent

93 Orthodox parishes participated in OCPM Church Program

517 prison facilities served by OCPM

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