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Meeting the Challenge of a Detention Center

Chris Swift

Chris first learned about IVC from friends at Gonzaga High School in Washington, DC where her four sons went to school. Two of her sons were members of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) in Oregon and Georgia, so she was well-connected into developments in the Jesuit community. After spending 12 years as staff chaplain at Georgetown University Medical Center, Chris joined IVC in 2002.



Chris' ministry is the Washington, DC Detention Center where she serves as volunteer chaplain to the female residents two days a week. Her path to the chaplaincy has been long, indirect and interesting. After graduating from Trinity University in Washington, DC with a degree in English, she married and

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raised a family of 6 children over the next 20 years. After training as a hospice worker, she returned to school at Washington Theological Union and received certification as a chaplain from the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, which led to her chaplaincy at Georgetown University Medical Center.

As chaplain at the Detention Center, Chris visits the women in their units, prays with them, listens to them. Frequently, the women are concerned about the welfare of their children. Chris tries to do what she can to help them connect with family members while they are incarcerated. She also assists them in planning for their post-release life, a critical time when they will need housing, job training, perhaps rehabilitation, childcare, etc.

Like many jails, the Detention Center is severely overcrowded pressing more and more women into less and less space. Noise and confusion are the order of the day. Father Michael Bryant, chaplain at the Center has said that “in spite of all the obstacles, Chris in her quiet, efficient way gets the job done. Her calm and smiling presence is an antidote to the chaos that swirls about the jail.”

Putting Love into Practice

**Love consists in sharing
What one has
And what one is
With those one loves**

**Love ought to show itself in deeds
More than in words.**

—Ignatius of Loyola

IVC WASHINGTON, DC/NORTHERN VIRGINIA 2007-8 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Orientation & Retreat:

September 17-19, 2007

Loyola Retreat House
Faulkner, MD

“Faith Doing Justice”



FR. JOE NANGLE, OFM
RETREAT FACILITATOR

- Member Franciscan Order of Friars Minor (OFM), Ordained: 1958
- 15 years pastoral work, Latin America. Founder & first pastor of Most Holy Name Parish, Lima Peru
- Staff: International Justice/Peace Office—Catholic Conference of Bishops (1977-1980)
- Justice & Peace Director: Conference of Major Superiors of Men (1982-90)
- Outreach Director and Staff Writer: *Sojourners Magazine*
- Director: Franciscan Mission Service (overseas mission program of North American Franciscans (1994-2005)
- Currently: Associate Pastor, Queen of Peace Parish, Arlington VA.
- Founding member: Lay/religious Assisi Community in inner-city Washington, D.C.

Monthly City Group Meetings

<p>Washington, DC – Josephite Seminary October 9, 2007 November 13, 2007 December 11, 2007 February 12, 2008 March 11, 2008 April 8, 2008</p>	<p>Northern Virginia -- St. Anthony of Padua October 11, 2007 November 8, 2007 December 13, 2007 February 14, 2008 March 13, 2008 April 10, 2008</p>
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- Days of Reflection (Facilitators Jim & Diane Bayne): Jan. 8, 2008 – Wash., DC – Josephite Seminary
Jan.10, 2008-- Northern Virginia -- St. Anthony of Padua
- Retreat: May 13-14, 2008 — Rev. Kevin Nadolski, OSFS, Facilitator; Faulkner, MD



Council member Tom Byrne & Living Wages Director, Sr. Betsy Hartson converse before the council meeting.

IVC Regional Council

September 7, 2007



Council member Mary McGinnity & Jim Kelley bid farewell to former council member Fr. Al Novotny, SJ

2007-2008 Regional Growth

New Volunteers

Roberts, Paula	Washington, DC	TBD	
Cella, Joseph	Falls Church VA	Christ House	Emergency Assistance
Wessendorf, Teresa	Burke VA	Lamb Center	Homeless Assistance
Wilkinson, Joyce	Herndon VA	Lamb Center	Homeless Assistance
Castaldi, Ron	Washington DC	Holy Trinity Social Action	Social Action Outreach
McNelis, Patrick	Washington DC	TBD	
Rita Albright	Fairfax, VA	TBD	
Girovasi, Marie	Arlington, VA	(St. Martin Senior Center)	Senior Socialization and Care
Eliana Turina	Falls Church, VA	(ALIVE!)	Early Childhood Cntr Mgt.
Wagner, Pauline	Reston VA	Rosemount Center	Infant/Pre-school Care
Mary Ann Lilly	Arlington, VA	(Living Wage)	Adult Education
Mary Sue Flanagan	Washington, DC	(Living Wage)	Adult Education
Walter Knowles	Burke, VA	Serve, Inc.	Management Assistance

New/Returning Spiritual Reflectors

Jordan, OSF, Anne	Vienna VA
Murray, SJ, Leo	Washington DC
McDermott, IHM, Pat	Falls Church, VA

New Service Project Sites

Christ House, Catholic Charities	Alexandria, VA
Holy Trinity Social Action Committee	Washington, DC
Serve, Inc.	Manassas, VA
Welcome Home Pre-Release Center	Montgomery County, MD

IVC Regional Council

Volunteer Ed Prendergast receives 5 year Plaque from Jim Kelley



Jim Kelley confers with Council member Fran Butler



IVC Bus Trip to Southern Maryland

June 26, 2007

Our First Stop:
St. Ignatius Church
Port Tobacco, MD

Bayside Lunch on
St. Clements Bay



At the sites we visited, Fr. Edward O'Connell, S.J. shares his vast knowledge and experience of life in the Jesuit missions

Front, (L- R): Marty Novak & Katie Shea.

1st Row: Abraham Daher, Gene Dwyer, Jerry Shannon, Julia Albrecht, Marcia McMahon, Emma Grayeb, Charlotte Daniel, Marie Guillory, Alice Marie Stone & Ann Johnson.

2nd Row: Rosemary Weller, Joe Weller, Fr. O'Connell & Jim Kelley.

3rd Row: Margaret Howells, Ginny Novak, Marie-Claude Terrot, & Joe Jones.

Rear: Andre Terrot.

On the bus, Fr. Thomas Clifford, S.J. regales us with stories and interesting insights into the early Jesuits and their exploits in Southern Maryland.