

October 16, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

Here at Saint Cecilia Parish, Boston we have a group of parishioners who run a program for men who are coming out of prison. Many of these returning citizens worship with us on Sundays. Re-entry issues are important to us so we are joining with other organizations and individuals to support the "Proposal to Allow Post-Release Contact" (attached).

By allowing volunteers and chaplains to work with former inmates in programs that are designed to respect the DOC's safety concerns, this proposal would go a long way toward assisting men and women as they return to their communities, thereby reducing recidivism. Would you please consider supporting this proposal to create a work group to examine the issues more closely to develop new policies that reflect wisdom, safety concerns and re-entry needs?

I am most grateful for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rev. John J. Unni

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