

Agenda
Statewide Criminal Justice Ministry Conference
Oblate Whitley & Grotto Ministries Center
San Antonio, Texas
October 25-26, 2013

**Theme: Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration –
A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice**

Friday **October 25, 2013 – Whitley Theological Center**

- 8:30 am-12 **TDCJ Volunteer Training**
- 10am-12 **Conference Registration**
- 1:00 pm **Opening Prayer & Orientation - Msgr. Adolfo Valdivia**, Chaplain for
Criminal Justice Ministry, Archdiocese of San Antonio
- 1:30 pm **Deacon Bob Leibrecht**, Director, Criminal Justice Ministry, Archdiocese
of San Antonio: What is the Catholic Perspective of Criminal Justice
Ministry?
- 2:00 pm **Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller**, Archbishop of San Antonio
Responsibility of the Church in Criminal Justice and Evangelization as a
Foundation for Change
- 2:45 pm **Dr. Scott Woodward**, OST VP for Academic Affairs and Dean Institute
of Pastoral Formation: A Program of Evangelization and Catechesis for
Life and Service for Inmate Formation in TDCJ
- 3:15 pm **Break**
- 3:30 pm **Jimmy Reno**, Hill Country Prison Ministry: Prison ACTS Retreats, an
Invitation to Foundational Change, for the Incarcerated
- 4:00 pm **Carol Lockett and Robert Harris**, Chrysalis Ministries: Programs to
Support Families of the Incarcerated including Children
- 4:30 pm **Small Group Discussion/Reports**
- How are you serving the incarcerated and/or their families?
 - What are some challenges and successes you have observed?
- 6:00 pm **Reception:** Snacks and drinks
- 7:00 pm **Dinner** – Ex-offender Testimonials (Carlos Castaneda & Regina Cyphers)
- 9:00 pm **Close**

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- Saturday** **October 26, 2013 - Grotto Ministries Center (GMC)**
- 7:00 am **Mass** at Immaculate Conception Chapel
- 8:00 am **Continental Breakfast at GMC**
- 8:45 am **Opening Prayer & Focus for the Day – Rev. Tom Edelen**, Chaplain at Hodge Unit in Rusk, TX
- 9:00 am **Deacon Doots Dufour**, Director, Criminal Justice Ministry, Diocese of Austin: Who’s in Prison and Where did They come from?
- 9:45 am **Kimberly Woodall**, Assistant Warden at Torres/Ney Units in Hondo: The Role of Volunteers to Assist TDCJ with Inmate Rehabilitation
- 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:45 am **Rep. Alma A. Allen**, Texas House of Representatives, Member of House Corrections Committee: Criminal Justice Policies to Pave the Way for Rehabilitation of Offenders
- 11:30 am **Open Discussion**
- 12:00 pm **Lunch in Oblate Renewal Center**
- 1:00 pm **Re-entry Efforts – Panel Presentations & Discussion**
- **Employment Video** – Why Hire Ex-Offenders?
 - **Employer(s) Friendly to Ex-Offenders**
 - **Julie Morales**, Regional IV Parole Office
 - **Emile Huggins**, Bexar County Probation (CSCD)
 - **Steven Balarin**, Caseworker for Chrysalis Ministries (BCDM)
 - **Lisa Queen**, Field Dir., Prison Fellowship – Parish Support Group
 - **Ramon Montesdeoca**, Barabbas Ministries – Transitional Housing
- 2:15 pm **Small Group Discussion/Reports**
- What are the major challenges to re-entry?
 - How do we meet them?
- 3:00 pm **Closing Prayer**