

December 19, 2011

**Prison Inmates Receive Early Christmas Present:
Mass with Bishop John Noonan**

- WHO:** Bishop John Noonan, Catholic Diocese of Orlando
Deacon David Gray, Diocesan Director of Ministry to the Incarcerated
Inmates, staff of the Lake Correctional Institution
- WHAT:** Bishop John Noonan will celebrate Mass with inmates and staff at Lake Correctional Institution. With just a few days before Christmas, this celebration will hopefully bring comfort and healing to the inmates who are separated from family.
- WHERE:** *Lake Correctional Institution*
19225 U.S. Highway 27
Clermont, Florida
34715-9025
- WHEN:** Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

The Diocese of Orlando has 180 volunteers involved in the Ministry to the Incarcerated. Volunteers give out Bibles, rosaries and prayer cards and lead Bible studies and prayer services. The Diocese of Orlando's Ministry to the Incarcerated is focused on bringing the Catholic faith into jails and prisons around the diocese and having ministers involved in all aspects of prison ministry, including visiting facilities, supporting families, developing re-entry programs and fostering community. The ministry is a response to Jesus' request to visit prisoners and minister to their needs found in Matthew 25:31-45.