



# ARRUPE

## LECTURE SERIES

### SAINT PETER'S PREP

## Mass Incarceration

In 2015, Pope Francis visited the Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility in Philadelphia, PA, and met with several inmates. According to [The Vatican Insider](#):

“After explaining that Jesus does not wish to leave anyone out but that he lays a place for everyone at his table, ‘to which all of us are invited’, Francis said: ‘This time in your life can only have one purpose: to give you a hand in getting back on the right road, to give you a hand to help you rejoin society. All of us are part of that effort, all of us are invited to encourage, help and enable your rehabilitation.’”

Here at Prep, we hope that we can accept this invitation. We recognize that mercy is challenging and difficult, but that it is also a central demand of our faith. The resources below will give you more information on how we might show mercy to people who are incarcerated, an important step towards offering every person

“A Place At the Table.”

### ARRUPE DAY OF ADVOCACY: TUESDAY, APRIL 11

During **Community Period on Tuesday, April 11**, join Ms. Rice and other members of the Arrupe Committee in **H303** to participate in an advocacy activity! We'll be advocating in support of bipartisan **Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act**, co-authored by Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Dick Durbin (D-IL), which would address one of the major causes of mass incarceration and has received support from across the political spectrum.

Contact [Mr. Dougherty](#) for more information!

#### Learn More

*Resources about Mass Incarceration*

##### General Information

- ◆ [The New Jim Crow](#): Michelle Alexander's in-depth analysis of the history and racial inequalities of mass incarceration. Available in the Prep Library!
- ◆ [The Sentencing Project](#): A non-profit dedicated to just sentencing reform; their website has lots of great resources and advocacy opportunities.
- ◆ [13th](#): A recent Netflix documentary about mass incarceration, featuring our keynote speaker, Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad.

##### Catholic Response

- ◆ [Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration](#): A statement by the Catholic Bishops of the United States on mercy and criminal justice.
- ◆ [Homily from Pope Francis' Jubilee Mass for Prisoners](#)
- ◆ [Tattoos on the Heart](#): Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., writes about his experiences ministering to former gang members in Los Angeles, and the power of compassion. Available in the Prep Library!

#### Worthy Causes

If you'd like to donate to some great Catholic organizations working with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people, consider [The Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative](#) and [Homeboy Industries](#). Prep Sophomores can support Homeboy through Mission Drive donations!

