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• A baptised Catholic in good standing with their parish community
• Men and women over the age of 18 years
• Priests, deacons and religious sisters and brothers
• Chaplains need to be in good health and reasonably fit and willing to do the prescribed training.
• Persons willing to consent to a criminal history check and who have/will apply for a Blue Card

PEOPLE MOST SUITED TO PRISON CHAPLAINCY

Prison chaplains need to be:
• Mature in outlook and aware of emotional and professional boundaries
• Reliable and committed
• Compassionate and non-judgmental
• Able to work cooperatively in a team environment
• Open to ministry in a multi-faith environment

WHAT PRISON CHAPLAINS DO

Prison chaplains service all Correctional Centres in the Archdiocese offering pastoral care to prisoners irrespective of the inmate’s religious background.

Chaplains minister to prisoners pastorally dealing with faith issues and also, but not limited to, their concerns about emotional disruption, family separation, grief and loss, sickness, life changes and their concerns about post-release issues.

Chaplains work alongside other professionals in Correctional Centres to ensure prisoners’ emotional and spiritual needs are met.

WHAT TRAINING IS PROVIDED?

Training is provided through both the Corrective Services Academy and the Church. Chaplains-in-training are accompanied by an experienced chaplain on prison visits as part of their training.

AVAILABILITY

Each denomination is assigned a ‘duty day’. These vary from Monday to Saturday across various prisons. Each denomination is responsible for conducting an ecumenical worship service on Sundays within Centres on a rotational roster.

HOW ARE CHAPLAINS REFERRED TO A PRISONER?

• the prisoner (his/herself)
• another prisoner
• a prison officer
• a family member.

TRANSPORT

Chaplains are responsible for their own transportation. Public transport is not available to most correctional locations.

HEALTH

Prison chaplains require good physical, emotional and psychological health.

Self care and regular professional supervision is essential.

The need to take medication whilst on duty as a chaplain is problematic in correctional facilities and should be further discussed.

CORRECTIONAL CENTRES VISITED BY OUR PRISON CHAPLAINS

Our chaplains visit the following correctional centres in the Brisbane Archdiocese:
• Arthur Gorrie
• Borallon
• Brisbane
• Brisbane Women’s
• Maryborough
• Numinbah
• Palen Creek
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• Woodford.

TEAM DEVELOPMENT

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