

God's Little Flower & Good Daughters

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.

Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.

She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle.

She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

—Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Happy the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days.

A worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life.

A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the LORD;

Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights in her husband, her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones.

A gift from the LORD is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth.

Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste person.

Like the sun rising in the LORD's heavens, the Beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

—Sirach 26:1-4,13-16

Happy Mother's Day!

—Burt Gauthier



ST. KOLBE RETREAT # 2

In February 21 - 24, 2019, St. Kolbe Prison Ministries conducted SKA2, the second retreat held at Allen Correctional Center. During this retreat, 66 offenders of various religious backgrounds were invited to attend a weekend of sharing in the love of Christ. Twenty-two offenders from SKA1 also participated as Inside Team Members. This ministry was co-founded by Larry Reeh in Fredericksburg, TX, and is based on the ACTS Ministry. In this section you find some feedback from the retreatants and the Inside Team Members about their experience.

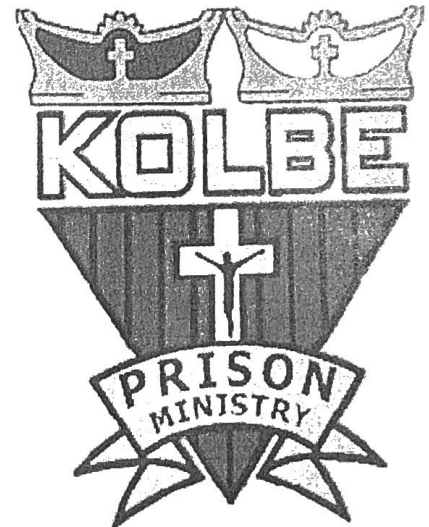
My St. Kolbe Retreat

In February 21-24, 2019, I attended the second St. Kolbe Retreat here at Allen Correctional Center. It is something I shall never forget. Not only did I feel closer to our Redeemer, but also I have never felt the love I felt, shown to me by complete strangers. Now, I know that throughout the Bible, it speaks of loving your neighbor (Mark 12:31), and I feel fairly confident that our Lord meant even the neighbor you don't know. But to see it and feel it in action by the men of St. Kolbe, . . . well, strangers they were no longer. I've never, in my 60 years, had someone tell me that he's been praying specifically for me. I was overwhelmed. Here was someone who didn't know me, didn't know what I looked like, and didn't even care that I was in prison pray for me every day for a month before the retreat started. I truly felt God's love in him.

I also feel blessed by the timing of this retreat. Right before Lent. By reflecting back on the retreat, I've been able to more completely concentrate on my Lenten experience. Even the fasting is enjoyable now.

I look forward to Wednesday night Renew to see some of the men of St. Kolbe. It is very apparent that they are committed to our Lord and their love for us never dims. May God bless them and their families.

—Michael Cotner



Did you know that when you carry the Bible, Satan gets a headache? When you open it, he collapses. When he sees you reading it, he loses his strength. And when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you!

—Randy Spell

What God Gave Me

As for me the retreat was much more than what I saw at the first one. At this retreat I was on the other side of the table, and how much more were my eyes opened by it. I know what my St. Kolbe brothers get out of it. It is the peace of God that you feel when you take part in a retreat. You know the love and peace of God with you and all around you all the time from that day on. So to all my St. Kolbe brothers on the inside put in to work a retreat and you will see what I am saying is true. God will show you so much more and you will feel blessed.

—Wade Clement