

Conference Program

- 7:30 am *Check-in, Light Breakfast*
- 8:30 am *Welcome, Rosary*
- 9:00 am *Speaker: Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller*
- 10:00 am *— Break —*
- 10:20 am *Speaker: Father Clay Hunt*
- 11:10 am *Speaker: Father Mitch Pacwa*
- 12:00 pm *Lunch*
- 1:00 pm *Speakers: Former Inmates, plus Q&A Session*
- 2:15 pm *Speaker: Father Mitch Pacwa*
- 3:00 pm *— Break —*
- 3:20 pm *Speaker: Bishop Michael Boulette*
- 4:20 pm *Closing Remarks, Blessing*
- 4:30 pm *End of Conference*
- 5:00 pm *Mass at St. Mark; Bishop Boulette*



Speakers

Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller was named Archbishop of San Antonio in 2010. He has served on a number of committees for the USCCB and is currently the Committee Chairman for the Cultural Diversity in the Church. He has ministered to many men and women offenders in local jails and prisons.



Bishop Michael Boulette was named auxiliary Bishop of the the Archdiocese of San Antonio in 2017. He was ordained to the priesthood on March 19, 1976, the feast of St. Joseph. He earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Preaching and Worship in 1993. He has been very actively involved in prison ministry.



Father Mitch Pacwa, is an accomplished biblical scholar, author and apologist, having earned his Ph.D. in the Old Testament from Vanderbilt University. He is president and founder of Ignatius Productions, has hosted many TV and radio programs on EWTN and is fluent in 13 languages.



Father Clay Hunt, is a priest in Archdiocese of San Antonio, was ordained in 2009. He served as pastor at St Joseph's in Del Rio for 8 years, and in Oct 2018, became chaplain for Criminal Justice Ministry. He serves in the prisons and is Spiritual Director for KPM..



Former Inmates in TDCJ Facilities:

Former inmate speakers will include: **Erick Casteneda, David Cotto, Chris Larcenaire, Deni Torre, and Matt Zaner**. All of these men have been greatly and positively affected by Kolbe Prison Ministries.

About Kolbe Prison Ministries

Kolbe Prison Ministries (KPM) is a Catholic organization founded in 2009 in Fredericksburg, Texas. KPM ministers to incarcerated men and women in over fifty Texas and Louisiana State prisons, jails and other detention facilities. Kolbe Prison Ministries of San Antonio, Texas (KPM SA) is a regional branch of KPM and ministers at five Texas State prisons and jails near San Antonio, and other detention facilities in the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Why minister to prisoners? There are many examples in the Bible of God's way of dealing with sinners... of His mercy and forgiveness, of repentance and renewal, of reconciliation and resurrection. We have all made bad choices, fallen short, messed up, and lost our way. Some to a greater degree than others. Those who committed serious sins (crimes) and got caught ended up behind bars. These people are still children of God and remain rich in His love for them. These are the least of our brothers, and what we do for them, we do for Jesus. We know in our hearts that we are not the judge. We've read in John's gospel that Jesus forgave the criminal who was being crucified right next to Him.

So, what are we called to do? Jesus tells us in Matthew 25 that we are to perform corporal works of mercy; one described as "I was in prison, and you visited me." Of all the various works of mercy that Jesus could have pointed out, He stated that visiting prisoners is especially important in God's eyes. And so KPM takes Jesus at His word and lives out this particular call. Simply because they are incarcerated doesn't mean that inmates should be deprived of caring fellowship and the Catholic sacraments. They should be able to receive the Eucharist, be given the opportunity to be forgiven of their sins through Reconciliation, and be able to learn about our faith through Bible study and RCIA.


We encourage you to learn more about Kolbe Prison Ministries by viewing the various pages of our websites and prayerfully considering your own call to serve our incarcerated brothers or sisters in prison (or otherwise support our efforts in doing so). KPM is a Catholic 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization.

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Conference

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few"



"I was in prison and YOU visited me"
Matthew 25:36



St. Maximilian Kolbe



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