

Background of the Catholic Prison Ministry (CPM)

The Catholic Prison Ministry is a church based non profit organization within the auspices of the Archdiocesan Organization for Human Development, an umbrella organization of the Catholic Church. The CPM started as a small church-based ministry at the Holy Family Church, Kajang, in 1985, following the move of the prisoners from the old Pudu Prison at Kuala Lumpur to Kajang.

Over the past 21 years of its existence, this low profile ministry (in view of the sensitivities and stigma associated with it) has grown from about 20 pioneer members from the Holy Family Church Kajang, to about 160 registered members presently from all over the Klang Valley.

These members come from various parish-level Prison Ministries which were gradually set up beginning with the Holy Family Church, Kajang, St. Ignatius, Assumption & St. Francis Xavier Churches around Petaling Jaya; the Visitation Church, Seremban, St. Jude, Rawang, Good Shepherd, Setapak as well as 3 Klang Churches based out of the Holy Redeemer Church.

The coordinators of these various church-level ministries form the Central Executive Committee, and they meet monthly at the Church of the Assumption, Petaling Jaya to coordinate the overall activities of the CPM.