

What is happening here?



IMMERSION  
EXPERIENCE



I WAS IN PRISON  
AND YOU CAME TO  
VISIT ME MATTHEW  
25:36b



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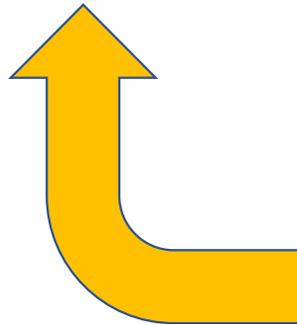
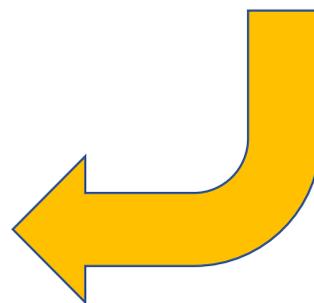
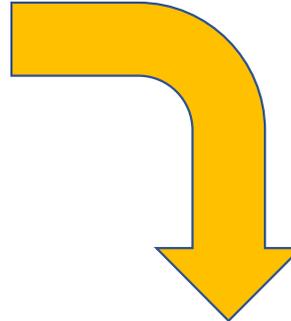
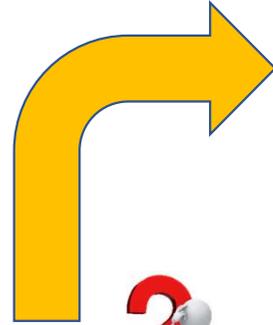
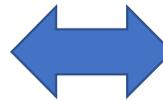
What does it mean?



Why is it happening?



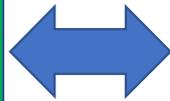
CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
ANALYSIS

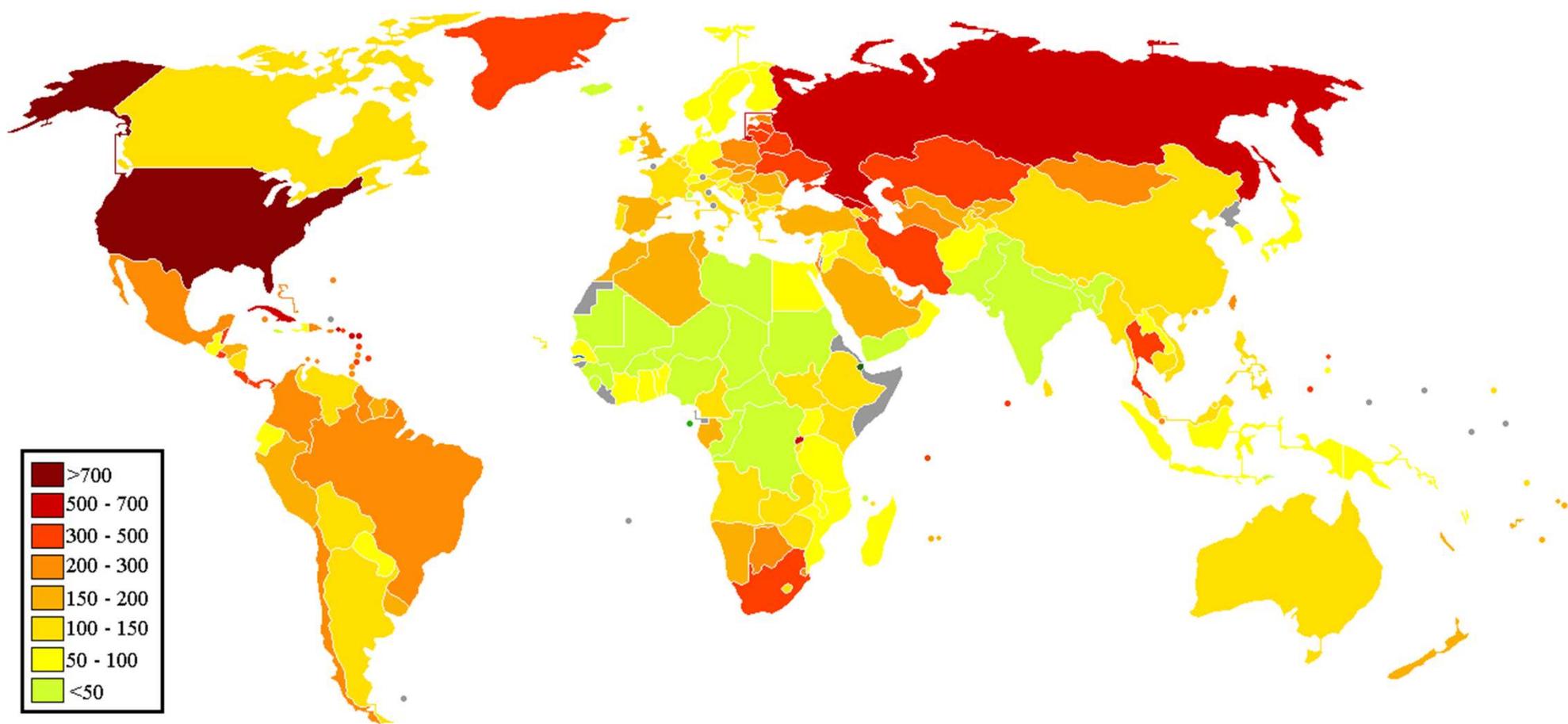


How should we respond?

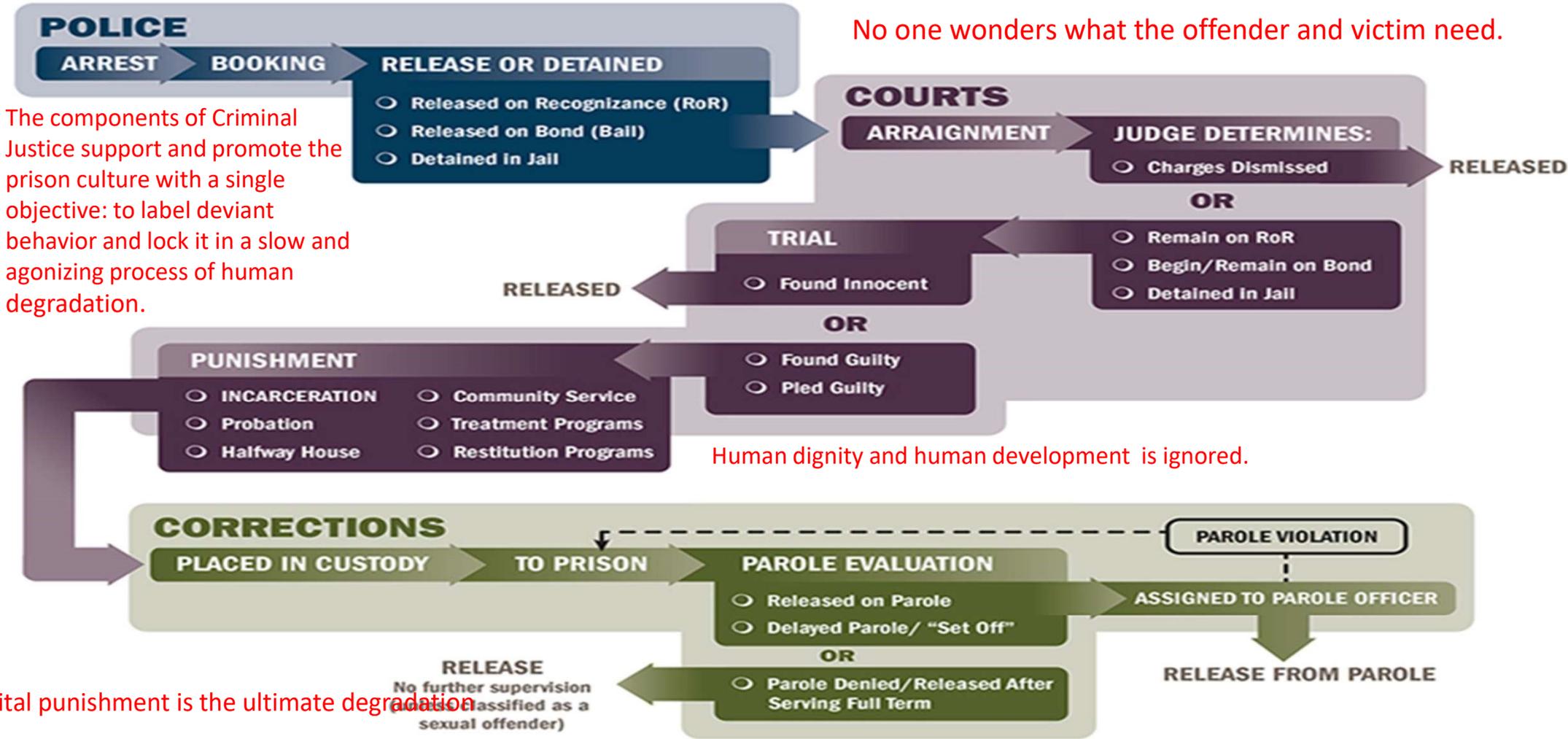


PASTORAL  
RESPONSE





# Criminal Justice System: an agonizing human degradation process



No one wonders what the offender and victim need.

The components of Criminal Justice support and promote the prison culture with a single objective: to label deviant behavior and lock it in a slow and agonizing process of human degradation.

Human dignity and human development is ignored.

Capital punishment is the ultimate degradation

The presence of the Church with specialized chaplaincies and ministries in the criminal justice system.



## Seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching

- **Life and Dignity of the Human Person.**

Human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society.

- **Call to Family, Community, and Participation.**

How we organize our society -- in economics and politics, in law and policy -- directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community

- **Rights and Responsibilities.**

Human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met.

- **Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.**

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46)

- **The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers.**

The economy must serve people. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected, and fair wages.

- **Solidarity.**

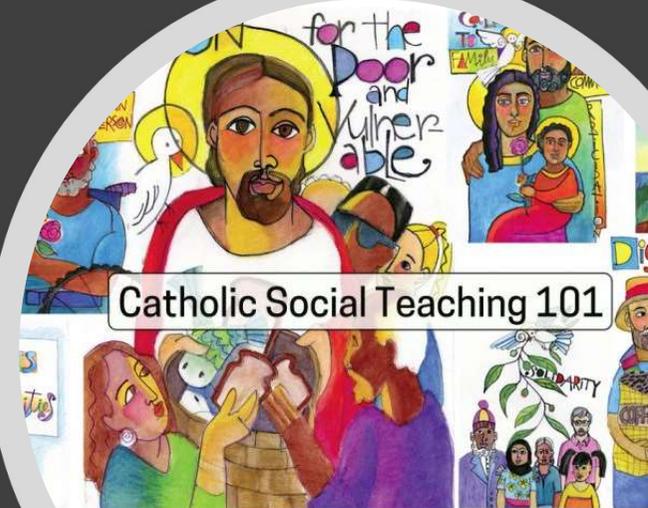
We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers.

- **Care for God's Creation.**

We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.



LIGHT THE WORLD



The major components of the Criminal Justice System



**PREVENTION INITIATIVES**

**IN-PRISON INITIATIVES**

**REENTRY INITIATIVES**

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVES**

**COMMUNITY JUSTICE INITIATIVES**

**PASTORAL/ SPIRITUAL DIMENSION**

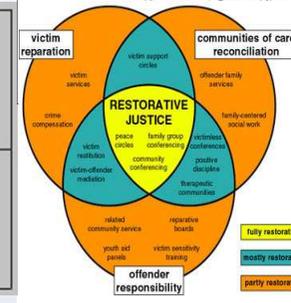


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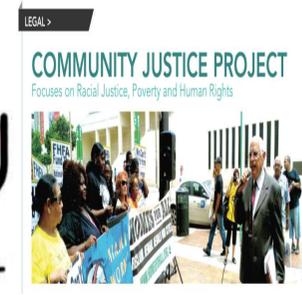


**REENTRY PROGRAMS FOR EX-OFFENDERS**

Find helpful reentry programs for felons



**POLITICAL/ LEGAL DIMENSION**



# A Comprehensive Criminal Justice Pastoral Care

1. Task force of chaplains, wardens, police chiefs, jurists, theologians, educators, advocates, social workers, psychologists, and sociologists in the scope of Criminal Justice System.
2. A comprehensive pastoral care plan for the criminal justice system be recognized and included in the pastoral plans of dioceses and episcopal conferences.

