



YOU ARE INVITED.....to share the **Light of Christ** this holiday season with an incarcerated individual in a nearby prison. Prison Ministry of Upstate New York (PMUNY) is sponsoring a **Message of Hope** project once again this Advent season and would greatly appreciate your help.

As a faith-filled stranger, your anonymous note of prayerful support will brighten the spirit and perhaps help heal the heart of someone serving a prison sentence and in need of hope. Your prayerful thoughts and good wishes will bring encouragement in what is often a dark, difficult and dreary place. Your **Message of Hope** may reflect your belief in Jesus' message of love, mercy, healing, forgiveness and reconciliation. Your **Message of Hope** will remind an incarcerated individual that they are not forgotten but rather remembered in prayerful support and cared for by

people on the outside. Your **Message of Hope** will no doubt encourage him or her to continue his/her own faith journey growing closer to Christ.

Will you please write your **"Message of Hope"** on the card provided? Sign your **first name only** (no identifying information such as a phone number, address of a business or residence, name of a town or church). Return your **"Message of Hope"** to the parish office or in the receptacle located in the narthex. Any person regardless of age may write or draw a picture on their **Message of Hope**

PMUNY will deliver all **Messages of Hope** to prison chaplains who will in turn deliver them to incarcerated individuals during this holiday season. Thank you for your kindness.



A MESSAGE OF *hope*

Dear Friend in Christ,

PLEASE SIGN YOUR FIRST NAME ONLY