

# FAMILY WITH DETAINED PERSON(S) GUIDE

"Merciful God, we pray for (Name) who is currently detained. Grant (Name) and her family your wisdom and guidance as they navigate this difficult situation. Give (Name) the strength to face each day with courage and hope. May (he/she) find comfort in your presence and a sense of peace. We ask that you protect (Name) while (he/she) is detained, surround (him/her) with your angels and allow (him/her) to be a witness to your love. Lord, touch the hearts of those who have authority over (his/her) situation, may they act with fairness, mercy, and compassion. We ask that you provide for all the needs of (Name) and (his/her) family. Provide them with your strength, comfort, and patience during this difficult time. May they find peace in your unwavering presence and love. Grant them access to the support and resources they require to prepare for (Name)'s release. We pray that you use this time to transform (his/her) heart and that (he/she) comes to know you in a deeper, more personal way."



### Step

Greet them and listen to their situation. Offer to pray for them (see prayer above).

## Step

Let them know you do not deal with this directly but can forward their information to an agency that works closely with the Diocese. Notify them you will need to collect some identifying Information (see attached addendum/form).

#### Step

Thank them for sharing that information. Acknowledge the difficulty they are going through and let them know that you will be sending the information over to the trusted agency.

Please email the addendum to <u>waguirre@sbdiocese.org</u> and <u>vnanguce@sbdiocese.org</u>

In the subject line write: URGENT: Detained Person

#### Family with Detained Person(s) Addendum

First Name:
Last Name:
Date of Birth:
Country of Birth:
Alien Number:
When were they detained?:
Where were they detained?:
When did they first arrive in the United States?:
How long have they been in the United States?:
How many times have you entered the United States?:
How old were you when you last entered the United States?:
Have they ever been removed (deported) from the United States?:
Have they ever received a removal (deportation) letter?:
Have they ever had a prior arrest?:
Have they ever been convicted of a crime including a DUI?:
Do they have an open case with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services?:
Do you have a close immediate relative (spouse, child over the age of 21) who is a citizen of the United States?:

Have you ever been a victim of violent crime or domestic violence?: