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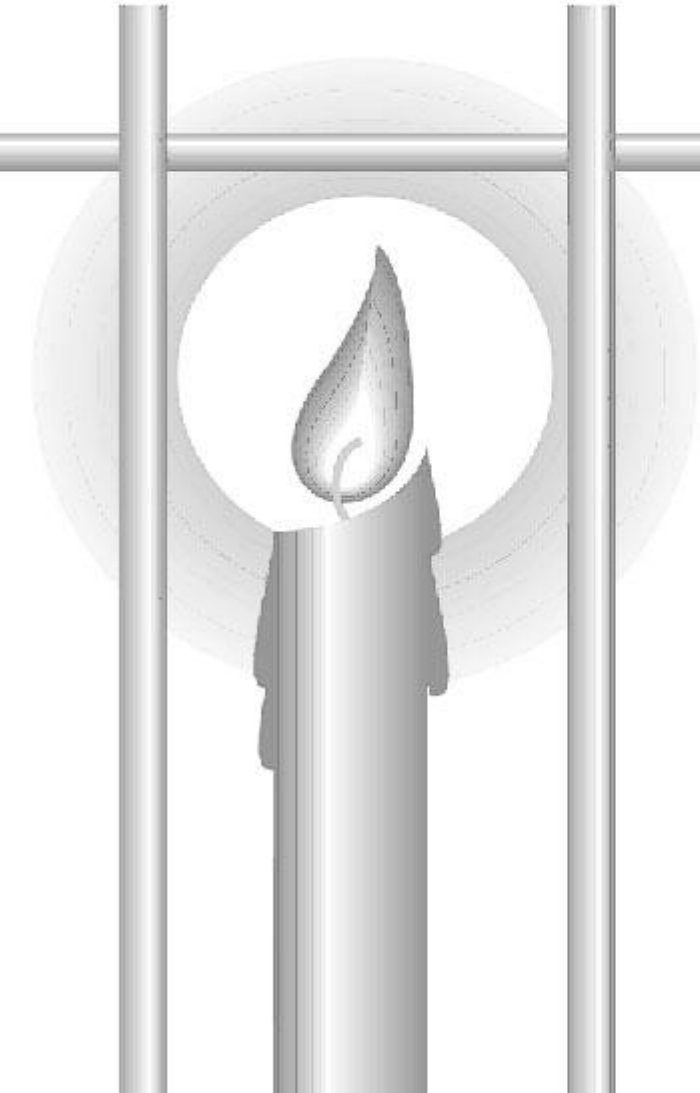
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"When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas,
and my scrolls, especially the parchments" 2 Timothy 4:13.

Through the ages, every visionary mission has been sustained with both cloaks for the body and parchments for the mind. Working with prisoners and their families is truly a missionary enterprise requiring vision. To become acquainted with prisons is to discover the many faces of evil and the power of the Good News of hope and victory. Such a vision must be nurtured, challenged and enlightened.

It is for the prison chaplains of the world, men and women of courage and indomitable spirit, that the IPCA Worldwide Steering Committee decided in July 2001, to ask The Reverend Canon Alan Duce and prison chaplaincy volunteers in Lincoln, UK, to launch *Justice Reflections*, a Christian reflection on matters of justice.

We value your interest in *Justice Reflections*. Please pass it on, so it may reach around the world. It is IPCA's humble contribution in 'scrolls and parchments' to the nurturing and encouraging of prison chaplains and those involved in justice issues and pastoral care everywhere.

Together in God's service

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