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**EVANGELIZATION IN PRISONS AND
ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTERS**

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Dear brethren,

The Peace of God.

Below are guidelines that God prepared for the brothers and sisters who participate in the evangelization in prisons and addiction treatment centers (DARPE in CCB).

1. PARTICIPATION IN (PRISON AND HOSPITAL) MALE OR FEMALE WARDS

We don't recommend that sisters participate in Evangelization Meetings in male wards. Whenever possible, brothers who participate in meetings in female wards should be accompanied by their wives.

2. MUSIC AT MEETINGS

Musicians and organists who participate in these meetings should be guided by the brother responsible for the music as to which instruments are most appropriate.

3. BAPTISMS IN HOSPITALS OR TREATMENT CENTERS FOR RECOVERING DRUG USERS

Baptisms should not be held in recovery clinics since patients are receiving medical treatment, nor should patients be taken from clinics to participate in baptism services in houses of prayer while still undergoing treatment. This is not a complete prohibition on baptism, but it is essential that the person has a clear understanding of the true significance of baptism.

4. DARPE IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Congregations outside of Brazil that are interested in establishing a similar evangelization program in prisons and addiction treatment centers should contact the Bras DARPE department for information and guidance.

Your brothers in Christ,

Council of Senior Elders

DARPE - Department of Assistance for Religious Evangelization in Prisons