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## MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

To St. John's Basece Ministry, The Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fremont California, and to its Congregation, the Prison Ministry services provided through God's beloved vessel Sister Kathy Weber, and to all who are called to be God's Holy people.

Hello, and a most happy and loving surprise from THE Papyrus Collective (papco) here on California's Condemed Row, at San Quentin State Prison. The enclosed Collaboration of testimonials are inspired from the care, generosity and fellowship we have recieved through your Prison Ministry, and congregation.

Near the end of 2016, our fellow condemned inmate named Floyd Smith introduced many of us to the Holiday Bakesale blessings from your Congregation, that, primarily consisted of (food, hygiene products, shoes, clean underwear and electric appliances etc.), and to our surprise, an opportunity for open fellowship through letters and visitation with members of your amazing Congregation.

Floyd told us that he discovered that Sister Kathy had been writing, visiting and fellowshiping with many other inmates in prison for years, and this was our first time hearing about it, primarily due to most of us not being a part of the Church community circles of older people here.

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Had it not been for inmates like Albert "Ru-Al" Jones, Clifton Perry and now Floyd Smith, that actually introduced Sister Kathy to a new generation of innercity youth who are now being housed on deathrow, those in need, and having the most potential to benefit from a real Blessing, Sister Kathy herself would've continued to be deprived access to an untapped and underserved younger demographic of the condemned population that we are now calling, NEW Souls.

In December of 2016, Floyd alerted inmate Byron Wilson that Thank You notes, and messages of thanks began to flow in from the Young Men that recieved visits, packages, and letters from your Congregation, and told Byron that These New Souls need to know that we as a collective of none saved, always in trouble, mad at God and the rest of the world, angry and out of Control need to create a way for all of us to say Thank You to the source of these blessings, So Floyd said, "Since we were all Blessed together, we should say Thank You together."

like clockwork, Byron began to receive visitation and letters from Joseph Carbis, and only God knew what was going to happen next.

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Byron Wilson is the creative genius behind the Write Or Die Zine Project, which you are now reading, yes, totally produced, designed and distributed by the Papyrus Collective (papco), a varying group of California's condemned poets, artists and others that provide commentary from a new condemned perspective.

Conversations between Byron and Joseph Cerbi's organically become <sup>the</sup> physical manifestation of this zine issue, which is a unique first outright Thank You, to The Church from this collective, moreover, Joseph took on an even harder task of not just transcribing these works, but achieving an impossible mission to keep our message of gratitude top secret, and loving surprise to Sister Kathy and everyone who participated in the book sale in one capacity or another, and we all know how difficult it is for the saints to keep silence about God's love.

And with that, we say, Surprise!, and Thank you for providing proof that God still believes in us, and if this zine issue has been a blessing to you, please engage Sister Kathy with your love, and leave us a comment at [betweenthebars.org/group/PapyrusCollective](http://betweenthebars.org/group/PapyrusCollective).

Enjoy your reading, See you next book sale, With love, Papco