

John P. Alexander
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Eugene

Eugene was a stroke victim at Unit 31. When I was housed at Unit 31, from 2007 until 2009, I worked in the Unit 31 kitchen. I made it my mission in life to ensure that men who are seriously or terminally ill got enough to eat. I was setting-out the extra food. Among other people, I looked out-on Eugene.

I told him that a good way for him to get extra groceries was to get a job in the kitchen. I helped him fill-out a Sick Call Request Form in order to get screened by the nurses to be allowed to work in the kitchen.

We became work partners.

Sr. Cathy Leamy makes pastoral visits to Unit 31 twice a month; and I invited Eugene to meet Sr. Cathy and attend the devotional service which she holds in the Unit 31 dining hall during these pastoral visits.

At some point in time, the case manager told Eugene that he was eligible for green & white pants. After he was placed in minimum custody, Eugene started coming to the Spiritual Life Center for Catholic services on the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

Eugene was a faithful attendee of the Roman Catholic St. Dismas Community services until he was released in January 2010.