

## **Taconic and Groveland Correctional Facilities Hosts Catholic Family Days**

Both Taconic Correctional Facility and Groveland Correctional Facility recently hosted Catholic Family Days for inmates and their families.

Groveland Correctional Facility was honored by a visit from Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester for the annual Family Festival. The event, held annually, allows for families to join inmates for worship and a banquet meal. The Catholic Festival focused on the themes of family, love, and the Assumption of the blessed virgin Mary. Inmates and family members spent the day enjoying each other's company in a spiritual and religious atmosphere, joined by 15 volunteers and guests who attended in support of the inmates and their families. Bishop Matano recently celebrated his 45th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, and 12th anniversary of ordination as Bishop. He is noted for his pastoral care and humility, as witnessed by his dining and socializing with the inmates and their families during the festival meal.

Taconic celebrated their first-ever Catholic Family Day with the help of the facility's Catholic Chaplain, as well as priests and volunteers from the local community. The 31 inmates and 35 family members celebrated mass in the visiting room, followed by food and music from a live band. The facility looks forward to hosting this event again in the future.



*Bishop Matano celebrating mass at Groveland Correctional Facility*



*Catholic Family Day mass at Taconic Correctional Facility*



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