

Bishop Salvatore Matano Attends the 2018 Catholic Family Festival at Groveland C.F.

On Saturday, August 18, 2018, Groveland Correctional Facility was honored to host the Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester.

Bishop Matano joined Catholic inmates for their annual Family Festival. Each one recognized faith group celebrates a family event during which time families join inmates for worship and a banquet meal.

The Catholic festival focused on themes of family, love and remembrance of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, honored during the month of August. In addition to 10 volunteers and non-family guests approximately 65 inmates and family members spent the day enjoying each other's company in a spiritual and religious atmosphere.

During mass the Most Reverend Matano conferred the Sacraments of Initiation on seven individuals, then took time to socialize with them and their families before blessing dinner. The day was a joyous occasion, and one to which the Catholic inmates look forward to each year.

This was Bishop Matano's fourth visit to Groveland. He recently celebrated his 46th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, his 13th anniversary of Ordination as Bishop, and was named Prelate of Honor by Pope St. John Paul II in 1985. He was installed as the 9th Bishop of Rochester in January, 2014 where he is the spiritual leader for more than 300,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester, which spans 12 counties.

