

## ***Cardinal Sean's Blog on Fr Joe Baggetta***

***On Thursday, I visited the Department of Youth Services' Metro Youth Service Center in Dorchester. It was sad to see so many young people in a correctional institution. Most of the children there are between the ages of 12 and 20. Although I worked as a prison chaplain for a few years and have visited many prisons where so much of the population is of young people, this visit was particularly touching.***

***The chaplain, Father Joe Baggetta, has been there for over 20 years and has done a wonderful job. He has a fantastic presence and works so well with the other ministers and with the Knights of Columbus who have provided his ministry with a chapel, which is an air-conditioned trailer.***



***A tour of the chapel with Father Baggetta***

***I was also impressed by the staff at the facility. Many staff members have worked there a long time and do so with a sense of mission. I was touched by the fact that the kids gave a great round of applause to the janitor who is retiring. It shows that even the auxiliary staff there is trying to have a positive impact on the lives of these young people.***



***Metro Area Director John Hughes and Deputy Commissioner Ed Dolon and I outside the trailer donated by the Knights of Columbus***