

What people have said about their use of the Pax Christi ICON

The response to the ICON's presence from the public and from our congregations has been heart-warming. I preached a sermon on the ICON, with a focus on Hagar and Ishmael, the inclusion of Hagar in the Icon is profoundly moving.

Canon Richard Wheeler, St Alban's Abbey.

The enduring image I have of the ICON is of Esau and Jacob embracing. This made more poignant because of the importance of this event in the struggle of Jews, Christians and Muslims to understand each other. One rarely thinks of this when considering the need for reconciliation in the Holy Land.

I kneel and pray before the Icons of Christ and Mary in the Prison Chapel and now have a picture of this one with stories of the Bible to take to my cell. Thanks

African resident

I like the Icon, Esau and Jacob standing on the sword making peace. I have to as well. I will pray for my family, the people I have hurt by my crimes and their families also.

English resident

I have to get home to my family and not be in trouble again. I am sorry for what I have done before and I pray for peace in my life and others

Polish resident

The ICON was in the Prison Chapel at HMP The Mount in 2011

Icons draw our eyes to look together in the same direction to what lies beyond words and propositions...this is a surer way to reconciliation than by obsessively looking at each other rather we are summoned to look together in the same direction.

Bishop Richard Chartres, at a service to welcome the Icon to London in 2004