



**From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...**

If you have ever been forced to use your weapon on- or off-duty, then you're likely familiar with the Department's OIS (Officer-Involved Shooting) class offered regularly at the academy. This is a MOST worthwhile program that (sadly) many jurisdictions *don't* offer...but CPD mandates, thank God! There have been nothing but rave reviews from those who have participated, and I bring it up because I am proud to help facilitate it each month with our range instructors. **Kudos** to CPD for being ahead of the curve, offering such a vital program to its members. (While I whole-heartedly believe in this outstanding program, *I hope NOT to see you there!*)

In light of such perils you face day-to-day, I'd like to place the following prayer into your hands...you've heard it at various ceremonies and gatherings, but I thought you might like to have it in print...

**Police Prayer**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we ask your blessing and guidance upon all law enforcement officers engaged in the protection of your people.

Be with them on their tours of duty while patrolling the streets of our city. Give the blessing of your wisdom, to know and do what is right. Temper their actions with mercy and justice.

When their tours are completed, guide them safely home to their loved ones.

We also ask your blessing upon all our brothers and sisters who have sacrificed their very lives in the performance of their duties. Give to their loved ones the peace and strength to bear the anguish of their loss. May eternal peace and rest abide with their departed loved ones forever.

This we ask in your most holy name, for you live and reign forever and ever... *Amen.*

Speaking of prayers... Our beloved Chicago Cubs may need some, so if you're looking for a fun time on Tuesday evening, 13 AUG, please join us at the Cubs/Reds game at Wrigley Field. We'll be close to God, as we have a rooftop reserved—thanks to the guys in 019. It's a fundraiser for Police Chaplains Ministry. \$100 gets you admission and unlimited food/drink. The game starts at 7:05, with pre-game beginning at 6:05. We are limited to 100 tickets, so contact me or visit our website ASAP. (Southsiders will be absolved that evening for the grave sin they see in visiting Wrigleyville...it's for a good cause, after all!)

See you on the street,

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