

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...



Nora Tellez, an officer assigned to Court Services, was given permission to decorate one of the glass display cases in the lobby area of Branch 23/Branch 50. Here is a picture of the case she designed, dedicated last month, honoring the 574 Chicago Police Officers who have died in the line of duty...take a look next time you're at Grand and Central.

Nice job, Nora!

We remember our fallen officers at the **police Mass** offered every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at Mercy Home, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. We gather for 30 minutes for the sake of on-duty worshippers.

These heroes are also remembered, of course, at the **annual St. Jude March**. **This year it is scheduled for Sunday, 01 MAY.** I hope to see you there!

St. Jude Police League stickers are available from your district/unit St. Jude League representative. A donation of \$7.00 per sticker is requested. Buy some for your friends' and family members' cars! Funds raised benefit a host of worthy charities, and make possible the ministry of St. Jude Chaplains who lead prayer services at CPD family wakes. For more information about obtaining your sticker, or if you don't know who your rep is, please contact me.



Planning ahead...**Mother's Day** is Sunday, 08 MAY. Bring Mom to the police Mass that morning if you'd like (again noting the change in Mass time to **10:00 a.m.**). If Mom is no longer with us, let me know ahead of time, and we'll remember her in our prayers for the deceased that day.

Mercy Home for Boys and Girls is the gracious host of our twice-monthly police Masses. They also give us office and storage space, free of rent. Since they are so good to Police Chaplains Ministry, I'd like to return the favor with your help. If you are interested in volunteering as a **youth mentor for kids from 9-17 years old**, please contact Dee Atkins at Mercy Home: 312/738-9584.

As you know, we send **care packages** to our forward-deployed CPD military reservists. Last month I shared a thank-you note from one of them. Since then, I received a thank-you note from an 008th district officer serving Cuba. Colin writes:

Thank you so much for the awesome care package. It's definitely nice to know that we're remembered out here! I hope you all are staying warm in Chicago. It's in the 80's here most days. We should be back in April--just in time for the detective exam! Thanks again for thinking of us!

That word of THANKS is extended to all who support Police Chaplains Ministry and our many outreaches/ministries. Let us continue to remember Colin and all our troops in our prayers!

God bless you, your family, and your most noble work!

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