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

A couple months ago, **Captain Mel Roman** visited with officers in different spots throughout the 018th district to offer them ice cream sundaes--custom made by the captain and two of his lieutenants' right in the back of their SUV. As you'll see in this picture, the bosses put a lot of smiles on the faces of their troops during this "Ice cream detail" on various days/nights. Here, about



1:00 a.m. on one of my weekly overnights in the districts, I was able to enjoy a sundae with officers from the district's entertainment detail.

<u>Thank you</u> to all who supported our recent happy hour fundraiser at **Dugan's** on Halsted. A great time was had, and lots of laughs were shared. <u>Special thanks to</u> <u>the folks at Dugan's who so generously hosted us</u>! If you haven't been there recently, stop by and say hello to some familiar faces.

As always, we will celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 17 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

We recently mailed a letter to all of our regular Police Chaplains Ministry supporters, asking for financial assistance for our 23rd annual summer Gold Star Families outing. Last month we again hosted the Gold Star Families on a lakefront cruise aboard the *Spirit of Chicago*. It's a first-class event, as we (yes, with *your* help – WE) take care of everything: VIP parking, food, entertainment, pictures, etc. Our cruise ship is escorted by CPD Marine Units with blue lights flashing, as well as a CPD helicopter flyover. The most important component of our wonderful day together is this: we once again remind Gold Star Families that

the loved ones they lost in the line of duty are **NEVER FORGOTTEN**! See some pictures from previous years' events on our website's "Photo Album" page.

If you would like to help underwrite the cost of this outing with your taxdeductible contribution, please visit our website or send a check to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607.

If you did not receive a mailing but would like to be added to our mailing list, please call me at the number below or click on "Join our mailing list" on our website.

The location and format of our **Upper Room Club** gatherings have both changed...please see our website for updated information.

A **BLUE MASS** will be offered at Resurrection Catholic Church (3043 N. Francisco, where I reside) on Sunday, 15 JUL, at 11:15 a.m. Come join fellow officers, retirees, families and police supporters as we pray for the safety of our officers and a peaceful summer in Chicago.



Are you an **Elvis** fan? If so, please join us to see "**Heartbreak Hotel**" live at Broadway Playhouse-Water Tower Place (175 E. Chestnut St.) on Thursday, 09 AUG 2018, at 7:30 p.m. You'll be in good company as Police Chaplains Ministry takes over a large portion of the theater. \$110 tax-deductible donation per ticket.

Finally, a **CPD SPOUSES' RESOURCE GROUP** is currently being formed by some of our members' spouses. If

your spouse would like to participate in this group, which plans to meet monthly in a central location, please let me know and I'll put you in touch.

God bless you in your most noble, God-ordained work,

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