

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...



A HUGE THANK YOU is owed the **Fr. Perez Knights of Columbus Council**, who hosted a trivia night to support our mission. That evening, the Knights and their many guests raised \$4,000 to aid our outreach to Gold Star Families. Here you'll see some of the trivia-solving brain power hard at work. **Thank you, Matt Stevens and all your brother Knights** who so generously support our vital ministry!

The **Brotherhood For the Fallen** is again hosting their *Blue Tie Gala* Saturday, 28 SEP, at Rosemont Hyatt. I have the honor of again emceeing this event. In previous years, we've sold out...so get your tickets soon!

We participated in a similar event in New York City three months ago. If you'd like to see the video from the gala there, please visit our website's "Video Library."

Another thank you is due to Lt. Tom Cronin, Det. Gia DiVito, and their team, for putting together a fundraiser for Police Chaplains Ministry at the Old Crow on Kinzie. A wonderful time was had by all our supporters present. God bless all present for partnering with us in our vital work: providing crisis ministry and spiritual support to our officers, retirees, civilian employees and their families...and our Gold Star Families!

Have you and your family been affected by suicide? A police family resource group has been formed recently to provide support to you and your family! It's called **STAR...Suicide Trauma and Recovery**. The group meets monthly on the southwest side. If you're interested in joining, please contact Chaplain Bob Montelongo at 773-459-5089 or Robert.Montelongo@ChicagoPolice.org.

A **CPD SPOUSES' RESOURCE GROUP** is also available.. If your spouse would like to participate in this group, which meets monthly in a central location, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with the group's chairperson.



Recently someone asked me about the **St. Jude Police League** and its mission...and I'm glad they did because it gave me the opportunity to do some research on this worthwhile organization.

Their website, www.SaintJudePolice.org, provides their mission statement as follows: The Saint Jude Police League is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the men and women of the Chicago Police Department and their families. The League

provides support and assistance to the families of police officers in times of bereavement. The St. Jude wake ministry is available to members for comfort and support in times of crisis and sadness.

Founded in 1932, the League is the oldest fraternal order associated with the Chicago Police Department. It was originally inspired by St. Jude Thaddeus, globally recognized as patron of hope. Every year in May, the League proudly hosts the St. Jude Police March, where thousands of CPD members march in honor and memory of those who cannot: our deceased officers.

Very popular are St. Jude League windshield stickers, available each April for a \$7.00 donation. Also available through their website (www.SaintJudePolice.org) are St. Jude t-shirts and challenge coins. Funds raised through the sale of these items support the wake visitation ministry and a host of charitable organizations.

May St. Jude intercede on behalf of our officers and families, and may God continue to bless you in your most noble work!

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