

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



The 87th annual **St. Jude March** last month offered another great opportunity to honor those (and families of those) who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Here, PO Sarah Lombardi and I pose in front of the reviewing stand that beautiful morning.

While the St. Jude League and Police Chaplains Ministry are entirely different entities, we work well together. God bless the St. Jude League for their great ministry...and God bless our fallen officers and their families!

We also remembered our fallen at memorial ceremonies last month in Springfield, IL, and Washington, DC. Retired **Sgt. Al Piantkowski** designed a shirt worn by officers at both out-of-town memorials to honor the four CPD members we lost in 2018. Here we are modeling the shirt worn by hundreds of Chicagoans who traveled to DC to honor Paul, Sam, Eddy and Conrad. They will never be forgotten...may they rest in peace!



On 19 MAY, Police Chaplains Ministry hosted 200 **Gold Star Family** members for a luncheon cruise aboard the *Spirit of Chicago*. We again honored those who have died in the line of duty, reminding their families that their sacrifice is NEVER FORGOTTEN! See photos of the event on our website's "Photo Album" page.



Over 100 new officers were sworn in at a recent star ceremony at the academy. Here, I join brand-new **PPO Nick Piraino** (center) and his brother, Rocco, a LaGrange police officer. Congratulations, Piraino Family!

On Thursday, 20 JUN, 6:30 p.m., our **Upper Room Club** will meet at **Pizano's** in the south loop. As usual, we'll discuss scripture, religious history/tradition, morals, current events, and our shared faith. Feel free to contact me for more information.

The Chaplains Section is hosting a **marriage workshop** for active and retired CPD members, aimed at strengthening police marriages. It'll be held in Palos Heights from 9am - 3pm on Friday, 21 JUN. For more information and to register, please contact Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at 312-771-6638 or [Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org](mailto:Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org).

Also, planning ahead, **The Bottled Blonde** (504 N. Wells Street) is hosting a happy hour on what happens to be the birthday of a certain CPD Chaplain. It'll be a fundraiser for Police Chaplains Ministry. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, 13 AUG, happy hour time. More details forthcoming.

Save the date! The **third annual "Tee Off For Tony" golf outing** is scheduled for Saturday, 24 AUG, with a 1:30 shotgun start at Indian Boundary Golf Course on the northwest side. The outing honors **CPD Officer Tony Letizia**, who lost his life a few years ago to brain cancer at the age of 32. Proceeds benefit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. More information will be available in the coming months and on the police chaplains' website: [www.ChicagoPCM.org](http://www.ChicagoPCM.org).



Finally, we received some thank-you notes for **care packages** we sent to our members serving in the military. Here, a group of American, European and Australian troops pose for a thank-you picture at their base in Kabul, Afghanistan. **014th District PO Miguel Cisneros**, a Major in the US Army Reserves, is

highlighted with an arrow pointed to him. Let us keep close in prayer our brave brothers and sisters serving away from their families.

May God bless you and keep you safe!

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