

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

Happy New Year! **GOODBYE 2020!!!**

If your New Year's resolution is to enrich your prayer life, then please take note:



Despite current circumstances, every Friday at 1:00 p.m. the Chaplains Section continues to facilitate a Bible study/prayer/faith-sharing group at the police academy. No matter your faith tradition, all are welcome to these brief Christian-based gatherings. As with our other gatherings, we practice social distancing, etc.

A similar (though more intimate in size) non-denominational Christian prayer opportunity is offered every Wednesday at 12:30/1:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Public Safety Headquarters.

And Muslim (Jumma) prayers are offered every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in room 202 of the academy.



If you'd like more information about these gatherings, please email [Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org](mailto:Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org), [Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org](mailto:Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org), or [Hysni.Selenica@ChicagoPolice.org](mailto:Hysni.Selenica@ChicagoPolice.org).

Next month (13 FEB), we mark the three-year anniversary of **Commander Paul Bauer's** murder. As I stated clearly at his funeral Mass (and since), Paul's life wasn't "given," as so many outlets stated. It was TAKEN. It was STOLEN from his family and us by a four-time convicted felon who should have NEVER been on the street.

The name of Paul's murderer has already been forgotten...and this coward will spend the rest of his miserable life in prison with no chance for parole. But Paul Bauer's name and legacy, along with his wife Erin and daughter Grace, will ALWAYS be remembered.



Memorial cards from Paul's funeral (and many of our LOD funerals) are available for download from our website (ChicagoPCM.org). If you'd like one mailed to you, just let me know...my contact info is below.

**Ash Wednesday** is 17 FEB. In keeping with time-honored tradition, CPD Chaplains will HOPEFULLY distribute blessed ashes at various locations throughout the city. If we're able to continue this tradition despite the Covid pandemic, the schedule will be posted in the daily bulletin and on our website. **Stay tuned.**

God bless you and your family in this new year!

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