



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

I was recently out to lunch with a few folks from 017, and a random civilian, before leaving the restaurant, quietly paid our bill and left without our being able to thank him. The server informed us that the man even took care of the tip!



I remain heartened at the love that taxpaying, educated, law-abiding citizens have for you and your service. The silent majority who respect you and your hard work need to be amplified! PLEASE ignore the loud minority and never lose sight of the fact that you are loved, appreciated, and YOU ARE DOING GOD'S WORK!





At 1:50 a.m. on Sunday, 02 JUL, hundreds gathered at Belmont and Western to memorialize PO Richard Francis. This is our 15<sup>th</sup> year doing so at the exact time and place where Rick's life was taken from us in 2008. Here I am joined by Officers Dan Wytryszczewski (common spelling), Alfredo Aranda, Joanna Tys, and Psyenne Kallenborn.

Rick's memorial card, along with many others, can be downloaded and printed from our website. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed—especially those who have died in service to others—rest in peace.

Thanks to the folks at St. Giles Church in Oak Park who recently hosted us for a Blue Mass.

Another Blue Mass will be celebrated Sunday, 17 SEP, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Terrence Church in Alsip. And...planning ahead: yet another Blue Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, 15 OCT. As always, we invite ALL to pray with and for our officers at the Blue Masses!

Thanks, also, to Pizano's Pizza and Pasta at 21<sup>st</sup> and Indiana for hosting our Upper Room Club this past month. Pizano's LOVES the police. Please love them back. If you'd like to add your name to the Upper Room Club invitation list, please email me. It's a wonderful opportunity to share faith, learn about the divine, and enjoy a meal with like-minded folks.

On Tuesday, 12 SEP, from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m., the Chaplains Section will host a screening of the movie *Sabbath*, an interfaith documentary by award winning filmmaker Martin Doblmeier. It will take place at Park Community Church, 1001 N. Crosby Street. The movie focuses on the topic of something from which we would all benefit: making rest and relaxation a priority in our lives.

This special screening is for active and retired CPD members, along with a guest. There will also be healthy discussion after the documentary. Space is limited. For more information, please contact Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at 312-771-6638 or [Kimberly.lewisdavis@chicagopolice.org](mailto:Kimberly.lewisdavis@chicagopolice.org). Please RSVP by 05 SEP.

A law enforcement retreat will be held 28 SEP to 01 OCT in the Northwoods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Hosted by Blue Line Ministries and the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers, there will be opportunities for relaxation, mental/spiritual encouragement, and some fun activities like muskie fishing, hiking, ATV riding, and shooting. The four-day/three-night retreat, including meals, costs just \$300 per person. More information is available on our website or at [BlueLineMinistries.org](http://BlueLineMinistries.org).

On 30 SEP, the Brotherhood For The Fallen's annual Blue Tie Gala takes place at the Hyatt Regency in Rosemont. Get your tickets before they sell out (available on our website or the Brotherhood's)! This year I have the pleasure of co-hosting the event with my good friend Suzanne LeMignot from CBS channel 2.

May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy! Thank you for doing God's work.

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