



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



On 01 AUG, lots of smiles and laughs were had at the 016th District's celebration of National Night Out. More pictures can be found on our website's photo album page. Here, CPD Chaplain Hysni Selenica and I take a mugshot together at the Quilts for Cops booth. As you can tell, he's totally guilty!

If you're not familiar with Quilts for Cops (QFC), I encourage you to check out their link from our website's home page. Members of QFC volunteer their time (and LOTS of it!) to sew custom quilts for officers injured in the line of duty. On our website's photo album page, you'll see many heartwarming pictures of quilt

presentations to ailing officers. This is an amazing organization deserving of our heartfelt gratitude.

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind our members that the Chaplains Unit is comprised of six members: the two pictured in the mug shot above, along with Chaplains Kimberly Lewis-Davis, Joe Jackson, Bob Montelongo and Rabbi Moshe Wolf. Our sworn chaplains possess, collectively, almost 100 years of CPD experience. You can find our bio's and contact info on our website (below).

We also have a few dozen volunteer St. Jude League Chaplains who assist us with wake services in the name of CPD. Some are active and retired CPD, others are members of the clergy. When they show up at wake services to lead prayer, they carry credentials and a visible St. Jude League ID.

If you're ever approached by someone else who identifies as a CPD Chaplain or St. Jude League Chaplain (both of which have happened, sadly), please let us or Legal Affairs know! Such an individual might be the next one taking a mugshot!



On Sunday, 13 AUG, I had the pleasure of offering an invocation at the 2023 Edison Park Fest. Onstage I am joined by Amanda Harres, Edison Park Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, and her assistant Jackie Farley, along with members of the 016th District. Thousands pass through this annual neighborhood fest, and a good time is had by all!

In case you are reading this before then, 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. Please RSVP by 05 SEP.

Upcoming Blue Masses are as follows:

Sunday, 17 SEP, 11:00 a.m. at St. Terrence Church in Alsip

Sunday, 15 OCT, 10:30 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral

Sunday, 05 NOV, 10:30 a.m. at Queen of Martyrs Parish in Evergreen Park

As always, we invite ALL to pray with and for our officers at the Blue Masses!

Please note that the usual second Sunday Mass in October (08) will NOT be celebrated due to the Chicago Marathon, which inhibits us access to Mercy Home.

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.

Finally...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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