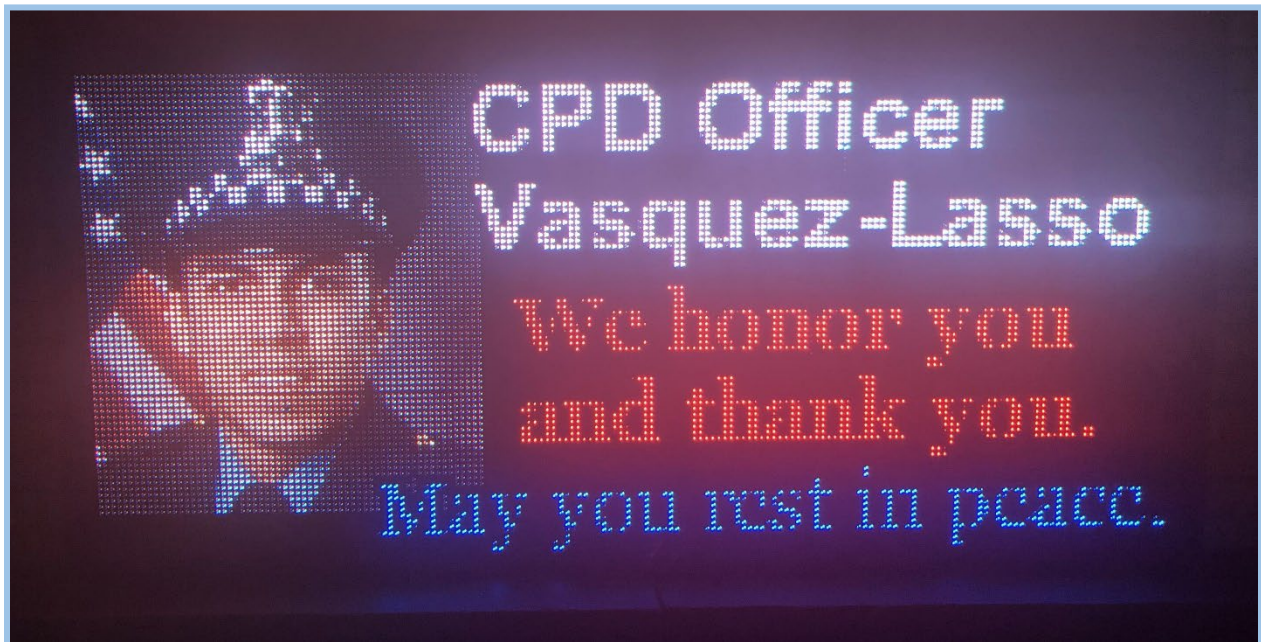




From Your Directing Chaplain, Fr. Dan



I pray your Lenten season is progressing nicely and you are able to grow closer to the One who created and sustains us. We began Lent, of course, on Ash Wednesday. Throughout the day, the other Christian chaplains and I visited many CPD districts, areas and other facilities, administering ashes to well over 1,000 CPD members. One of my scheduled stops was the FOP hall. God gave us such nice weather that we decided to offer prayers and administer ashes in front of the building.



This month marks one year since Andres Vasquez Lasso was taken from us. Indeed, as this church sign from St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish reads, may Andres rest in peace! His memorial card (and many others) can be downloaded from our website's "LOD death memorial cards" link.

Thank you to the folks at St. Helen Parish in Ukrainian Village for hosting a Blue Mass on 03 MAR. There we had the opportunity to remember Andres and the 599 other heroes whose names are etched forever on our police memorial wall and in our hearts.

Later this month we celebrate two major church holidays: Palm Sunday on 24 MAR and Easter Sunday on 31 MAR. The police Mass at Mercy Home will be celebrated at 11:00 on Palm Sunday, with Fr. Bill McFarlane (CFD Chaplain) presiding, and at 10:00 on Easter Sunday. (Note the time change for the holiday.) More information can be found on the "Police Mass" link at www.ChicagoPCM.org

At the police Mass on 14 APR, we will memorialize all deceased members of the German American Police Association. May they rest in peace!



Our friends from Quilts for Cops gather every third Saturday of the month in the community room at 016 to assemble beautiful hand-made quilts for officers injured in the line of duty. Pictured here are Ruth and Sara, two of our dedicated volunteers, crafting their beautiful works. Each quilt can take as many as 40 hours to complete (not to mention the expense of quilting materials). This is just one more example of how much our law-abiding, educated, tax-paying citizens respect, appreciate and love their police!



Coming up next month: On Saturday, 27 APR, from 3:00-7:00 p.m., we'll be taking over The Klairmont Kollections auto museum (near Belmont/Cicero). This is a fundraiser for Police Chaplains Ministry. There will be a grand raffle...so please shake the tree if you have any friends who own restaurants, car washes, bars, clothing stores, whatever! Please ask for gift certificates. We would appreciate your help!

Keep up with all of the above and LOTS more on our FaceBook page or website (www.ChicagoPCM.org).

Thank you for doing God's work! I leave you with this Irish blessing: *May you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're dead!*

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