



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

As you know, an Oak Park Police detective was killed in the line of duty on 29 NOV. While they have a chaplain program that is staffed by local volunteer clergy, we received a mutual aid call for Peer Support. I have never been more proud of our Peer Support members who rose to the occasion. Kudos! May Oak Park Police Detective Allan Reddins rest in peace!

On 05 DEC, we hosted our Gold Star Families for a tree-lighting ceremony at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park, followed by Police Chaplains Ministry's annual pre-holiday dinner at Soldier Field's Club level. As you'll see, we were joined by Superintendent Larry Snelling, retired Superintendent Phil Cline, and even Santa Claus!





On 15 DEC, the CPD Enforcers football team hosted a toy drive, where they collected over 1,000 gifts to be donated to a local transitional home for abused women and children. Here you'll see some CPD members and supporters gathered...along with their donated goods. The Enforcers also very generously and regularly raise funds for Police Chaplains Ministry and our outreach to the beloved Gold Star Families. Right there at the bar, we had the chance to pray together as we enter this most magical time of the year, reminding all present that this NO wrong way or place to give thanks to God.



Also on 15 DEC, a little later on, a group of volunteers gathered for a few hours to assemble 300 care packages that I will personally deliver to officers “Blessed to” (or is it “Stuck working on”) Christmas night and New Year's Eve. Each care package contains candy, beef jerky, gum, a note pad and St. Michael card.



Save the date! Your Department Chaplains are hosting a day-long marriage retreat on Friday, 27 JUN 25, 1000 hours-1500 hours at Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanical Gardens in Palos Heights.

We are excited to invite all active and retired Chicago Police Officers and their spouses to participate in this program intended to strengthen relationships, improve communication and achieve better work-life balance.

This retreat will provide a safe and supportive environment for couples to connect, share experiences and learn valuable relationship-building skills tailored to the unique challenges of law enforcement life. Childcare is included. Please contact Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis for more information at kimberly.lewisdavis@chicagopolice.org or 312.771.6638.

God bless you and keep you safe,

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