

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



On Tuesday, 01 APR, Superintendent Larry Snelling swore in our unit's newest member. Officer (and Catholic Deacon) Rafael Yanez (third from left) officially joined our ranks after years of assisting us as a volunteer in many capacities including Ash Wednesday rounds and St. Jude Wake Service visitations throughout the city. Welcome aboard, Rafael, and THANK YOU for accepting my invitation to share in our vital ministry.

I pray that travels are/were safe for all paying respects at various local, state and federal police memorials! Thank you for going out of your way to extend honor and respect to those who have gone before us...and their families!

If you happen to be reading this before Mothers' Day, please note the time of our special Mothers' Day Mass is 10:30 a.m. It'll be held at the same place: Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard.

Sunday, 15 JUN, we will celebrate our annual Fathers' Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773)550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

Also this month, Police Chaplains Ministry hosts hundreds of our beloved **Gold Star Families** on their 28th annual luncheon cruise aboard the *Spirit of Chicago*. If you would like to help underwrite the cost of this outing, feel free to donate via our website or by mailing a check to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607.

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.



That same evening (27 JUN), we'll be "Bowling with Brandt." All are welcome to come show off your bowling prowess at Edison Park Inn on the northwest side. A \$50 donation to Police Chaplains Ministry gets you bowling, three hours of open bar (beer/wine), and unlimited pizza. Come join the fun! Tickets are available on our website.

Keep up with all of the above and LOTS more at www.ChicagoPCM.org.

No matter your faith tradition, thank you for doing God's work!

God bless you and keep you safe!

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