

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

Last month a CPD retiree (and U.S. military veteran) named Bob Pierson passed away after a long illness. He spent his retirement in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. His daughter wanted to give her dad police honors at his funeral. With ONE phone call, Walworth County (WI) Sheriff Kurt Picknell sent four marked vehicles and two motorcycles to escort Bob's funeral procession to the cemetery. Waiting at the cemetery--lining the graveside--were uniformed Walworth County deputies.

During these times when funerals must be minimal, the Pierson family was comforted by the classy police presence honoring their worthy hero. Thank you, Walworth County Sheriff's Office, for reminding us here in Chicago of the fraternity the police family shares!

Sadly, we have had multiple funerals this past month...some of the more notable funerals are due to line of duty deaths. You can download their memorial cards on our website. May they rest in peace!

Still, we need to keep hope and be reminded that most folks affected by this mysterious virus from a distant land are able to beat it at home and return to work and their normal way of life. Let us not lose hope! There is light at the end of the tunnel.



Several weeks ago I was visiting the troops in 011 and stopped for pictures with Alejandro Miranda and Yesenia Rodriguez, holding down the fort at the desk during some very trying times.



As you can see, these pictures were taken just before the six-foot mandate...a rule pretty much impossible for our troops to abide by when dealing with the public or riding in a squad car!

Anyway, Alejandro and Yesenia: keep up the great work on the west side!

Got your **St. Jude League sticker**? You can get them from your district/unit St. Jude League representative. A donation of \$7.00 per sticker is requested. Buy some for your friends' and family members' cars! Funds raised benefit a host of worthy charities, making possible the ministry of St. Jude Chaplains who lead prayer services at CPD family wakes/funerals. For more information about obtaining a sticker, or if you don't know who your rep is, please contact me.

As always, we will celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 21 JUN (assuming the world doesn't end in Illinois before then). 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.

May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy!



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