



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



Last month I had the pleasure of enjoying a beer with Chicago White Sox legend Ron Kittle. The venue was Horse Thief Hollow on South Western Avenue, a CPD-friendly brewery/restaurant. The event raised funds for police charities as bartenders tapped a special lager made just for the occasion. The unique and tasty beer, dedicated to our hard-working officers, was aptly named, "Cancelled RDO's."

As RDO's (or regular days off) are cancelled and extended days are required, morale among our members continues to decline. To combat this, I beg you as you go about your daily routine to remember: YOU ARE DOING GOD'S WORK, and our Creator smiles on you for it.

If the CPD Chaplains can ever be of ANY assistance/support to CPD members, retirees or families, please don't hesitate to call on us: Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089), Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684), Chaplain Hysni Selenica (312/771-6692), Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (312/771-6638), Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780), or me (773/550-2369). All of these numbers (also listed in your FOP directory under "Chaplains") are cell phones and receive text messages. You can also email us through the chaplains' website. Be assured of our non-judgmental confidentiality.

The Department's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) professional counseling service is also a terrific (and confidential) resource on-call 24/7 at 312-743-0378. Please never hesitate to utilize their services.

A **CPD SPOUSES' RESOURCE GROUP** is also available. If your spouse would like to participate in this group, which meets periodically in a central location, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with the group's chairperson.

Our regular twice-monthly police Masses are offered at Mercy Home. In order to allow for social distancing, these Masses are celebrated in the indoor soccer field at Adams and Aberdeen. Mass is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. and, for the sake of on-duty worshippers, is kept under 30 minutes.

We also celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 19 JUN. 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.

This month Police Chaplains Ministry hosts our beloved **Gold Star Families** on their 25th 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.

Mark your calendar to celebrate “Sunday Funday” on July 31<sup>st</sup> at Dugans, 128 S. Halsted. We’ll have food and an open bar from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for those who make a donation to Police Chaplains Ministry. Chances are very good that we’ll stick around for a bit after 6:00!

God bless you as you continue to do God’s work. Please stay safe and healthy!

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