



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



One more shout-out to all who attended the sold-out Police Chaplains Ministry fundraiser at Klairmont Kollections at the end of April! I am grateful to all our volunteers and raffle prize donors, as well, who made this event such a great success. We raised some funds and had a lot fun supporting our outreach to the Gold Star Families. And what a cool museum this is, right on the northwest side of Chicago! If you haven't been there, I highly recommend a visit. You'll find a link on our website.





I would like to also recognize Binny's Beverage Depot and LaVilla Pizzeria for the generous discounts they gave us on food and drink. Thanks also to the bagpipes and drums of the Chicago Garda, and **The Road Taken**, a VERY talented (especially their guitarists!) rock and roll band made up entirely of CPD members. The band accepts bookings and can be easily found on social media.

Thanks, also, to all who participated in the St. Jude march last month! It was so nice to return to the downtown area. After many years of being tucked away on Museum Campus Drive, I am thrilled to share our pride of service with ALL of Chicago, as well as tourists. Judging by the much larger contingent of officers marching this year—some dedicated members on furlough, vacation, or even medical leave—this change of venue was very welcome!

Also last month, Rabbi Moshe Wolf and I had the annual privilege of presiding over the Chicago Gearheads car blessing at Bunker Hill Woods Forest Preserve. It was a beautiful morning and a great opportunity to memorialize deceased members while praying for safe travels this hot-rodding season.





If you'd like information about the Gearheads, you can visit their link on our website.

On Memorial Day, St. John Cantius Parish hosted a wiffle ball game between their priests and some local 012th district officers. Both vocations are programmed the same, so how fitting is it that these servants of God should compete on the baseball (wiffle ball) field?!?!

Thank you to ALL our parishes who so regularly and generously show their support of our men and women in blue! For a list of parishes who invite me to offer Blue Masses, see the "Police Masses" link on our website. If your parish is not listed there, feel free to ask your pastor to be added!

This month Police Chaplains Ministry hosts hundreds of our beloved **Gold Star Families** on their 27th 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.



This was an unfortunate yet nice sign to stumble upon... Thank you to our friends at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church in Oak Lawn for remembering our brother Luis...and for their constant support of the police!

The next Upper Room Club session, where we discuss current events as they relate to our faith and profession, will be held Thursday, 13 JUN, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the northwest side back yard of one of our "Regulars." If you're interested in attending, please let me know so I can share details.

Sunday, 16 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.

I will be offering a Blue Mass at St. Giles Parish in Oak Park on Sunday, 30 JUN, at 10:30 a.m. Another is scheduled on St. Michael's feast day, Sunday, 29 SEP, 9:30 a.m. at St. Benedict Parish in Blue Island. As always, all are welcome (no matter your faith tradition) to join us in praying with and for our officers.

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

Thank you for doing God's work! I leave you with this Irish blessing: *As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters be pointed DOWNWARD!*

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