



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



Lots of “Thank you’s” to put out there...

First, thank you to all who attended our fundraiser at McNally’s at 111<sup>th</sup> and Western. It was a great success, as was the NIU (my *Alma Mater*) vs. ND football game that day! Congratulations to all our prize winners.

Thank you to Mike Cummings and his staff at McNally’s for your hospitality and providing the open bar...and thanks to Barraco’s for the abundant delicious pizza!



Thank you, also, to Frank at Orso's in Old Town, who donated his beautiful restaurant and open bar for a happy hour fundraiser on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance.

Funds raised at these events assist us in Police Chaplains Ministry's outreach to our beloved Gold Star Families, including our twice-annual outings that bring them all together.

Thank you to all active and retired officers who were present at the sentencing hearing last month for the killer of Officer Ella French. Our presence made a loud and clear statement to the judge and all in court that this murder cannot be tolerated. It was a significant date to see justice served, as it was also the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11. God bless Ella's memory, Ella's mother and partners, the innocent victims of 9/11, and God bless America!

Another thank you goes out to the folks at St. Benedict Parish in Blue Island, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Orland Park, and Holy Name Cathedral downtown. They all welcomed me to celebrate Blue Masses this past month. Thanks to so many of our active and retired members, too, for your attendance.

On Sunday, 20 OCT, 10:30 a.m., I will be offering another Blue Mass at Queen of Martyrs Parish at 103<sup>rd</sup> and Central Park. For many years, this has been an annual tradition at these parishes and dozens of others throughout the city and suburbs. We remain grateful for their support of—and prayers for—the law enforcement family!

As always, ALL are welcome (no matter your faith tradition) to join us in praying with and for our officers at these Blue Masses. You can find more information about them on our website's home page: [www.ChicagoPCM.org](http://www.ChicagoPCM.org).

A final "Thank you." THANK YOU for doing (or having done...or being married to someone who does or has done) God's work! You will be blessed for choosing the most noble profession this world knows.

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