

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



Our other chaplains and I were out during last month's DNC, where we witnessed first-class policing by well-trained professionals. I was proud of you in the field and enjoyed being in your company each day, handing out water and Gatorade...and reminding you as often as I could that YOU ARE DOING GOD'S WORK! Here, I had a chance for some rest with officers at the electricians' Local 134 union hall in Bronzeville.

Looking ahead...On Saturday, 21 SEP, the Brotherhood For The Fallen's annual Blue Tie Gala takes place at the Hyatt Regency in Rosemont. Get your tickets before they sell out (available on the Brotherhood's website). This year I again have the pleasure of co-hosting the event with my dear friend Suzanne LeMignot from CBS Channel 2.



I'll be celebrating a Blue Mass on St. Michael's feast day, Sunday, 29 SEP, 9:30 a.m. at St. Benedict Parish in Blue Island...and on the same day at 12:00 noon at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Orland Park.

Then, the following Sunday, 06 OCT, 10:30 a.m., I have the honor of celebrating Blue Mass will be held at "Chicago's Mother Church," Holy Name Cathedral downtown.

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.

Please join us for an upscale afternoon happy hour event at Orso's (1401 N. Wells Street in Old Town) on Thursday, 03 OCT, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. A \$100 donation to Police Chaplains Ministry gets you three hours of open bar and "Heavy" appetizers...*in other words: DINNER!* Tickets are limited and can be purchased on our website.



Finally, 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. As with EAP, you can be assured of our non-judgmental confidentiality.

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

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

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