

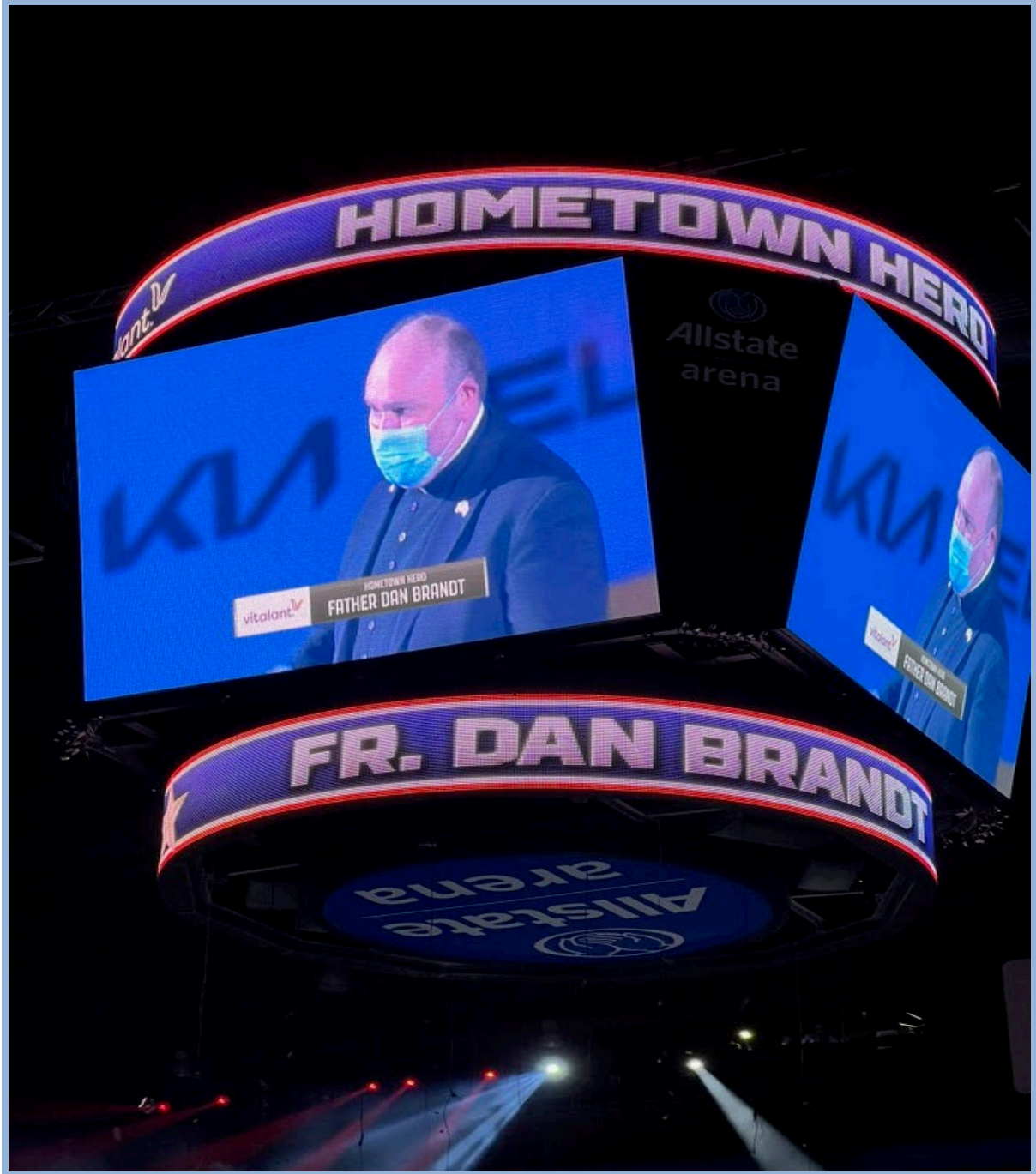
From Your Directing Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

Congratulations to Detective Henry Lai and hundreds of other worthy recipients of Department Commendations at the Superintendent's Award Ceremony last month. Keep making us proud of you and your God-ordained work!



At the Chicago Wolves hockey game on 09 APR, I had the privilege of representing the Chaplains Unit on center ice during the National Anthem. We were honored as the game's "Hometown Heroes." It was wonderful to see the pro-police sentiment present in the packed house. There I ran into Kelly Gary, widow of PO Conrad Gary (EOW 17 DEC 2018) and their beautiful daughter, Tess.





As this month we remember our brave brothers and sisters who have lost their lives in the line of duty, I thought it appropriate to post on our website a downloadable/printable prayer written by Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry, who is very supportive of the police. Take a look: www.ChicagoPCM.org.

It was great to see so many department members at the 90th annual St. Jude March on 01 MAY. At the march, I bumped into two old friends: PO Terri Chavez and PO Tena AlFarah. They, along with thousands of other Department members (even retired members and officers on furlough) came out to honor our fallen. Having been a few years since we have been able to gather, the list of recently (since May of 2019) deceased department members included 59 names. May they rest in peace!



You can support the St. Jude League by purchasing a **St. Jude sticker** 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, and make 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.



During the month of May, Christians around the world remember our Blessed Mother, Mary, who bore Jesus Christ in her womb. How fitting that we should esteem (not "Deify" or "worship") this young heroine. **If you would like a police-blue Rosary free of charge**, please email Chaplain Bob Montelongo using our website's "Meet the Chaplains" page, and he'll be happy to send you one.

It is fitting that next month, Police Chaplains Ministry will host 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.

As always, we will 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.

Mark your calendar to celebrate "Sunday Funday" on July 31st 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 real good that we'll stick around for a bit after 6:00!

Finally, safe travels to all who are returning to the annual ritual of paying respects in Springfield and Washington this month! For all our fallen heroes, let us pray: ***Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

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

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