

From Your Chaplain...



Making rounds throughout the city with Rabbi Moshe Wolf and Chaplain Bob Montelongo, I have sat in on some roll calls and met with many of our officers.

Last month, a commander on the west side said something that stuck, in speaking of his humble upbringing: "I used to think I was shortchanged because I didn't have the 'cool' gym shoes that so many other kids had. **Then I met a kid with *no feet*.**"

Indeed, no matter how bad off some may feel at times, there is always someone worse off.

Last month, we celebrated the ten-year anniversary of 9/11. Having served in October/November 2001 at Ground Zero and the 30th Street morgue in NYC, it was a no-brainer: I **had to** return to visit old friends with whom I've kept in contact over the years. As you know, NYC took quite a hit that fateful day: almost 3,000 dead—including 343 FDNY, 23 NYPD and 37 Port Authority PD who ran INTO those buildings while even the *mice* were running OUT.

Let us continue to pray for them and their families...and for an end to spineless terrorism, silly gang warfare, senseless violence, and fruitless war. Thank YOU for being the front line in this effort.

With the help of some of our own dedicated officers who have served in the military, the Chaplains' Ministry is again sending Christmas care packages to the four dozen or so CPD members currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you would like to help offset the cost of these top-notch gift boxes, please make a check payable to CPD Chaplains Ministry and mail it to the address below. You can also use intra-department mail and direct your donation to the Chaplains' Unit (120).

If we can ever be of support to any department members, active or retired, please let us know. Rabbi Moshe Wolf, Chaplain Bob Montelongo and I are happy to visit, pray with and pray for anyone in need of God's help. The same offer is true of our recently-retired chaplains, who have expressed their desire to continue their ministry: Sharon Ellis-Davis, Kevin Dean, and Capatoria Wilson.

In the meantime, please know that you and your family are always welcome to join us for Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls: 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard. While this is a Catholic Mass, folks of all denominations are welcome to join us. Mass is usually over by 11:30, and fellowship (including coffee, juice and pastries) follows for those who can stick around for a bit. You'll be in good company. **(Note that due to the Chicago Marathon, the Police Mass is not celebrated on 09 OCT.)**

Finally...though you've heard it before, you can't hear it enough: **Indeed, you are doing God's work!**

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