

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...



A few weeks ago, **Rabbi Moshe Wolf** and I blessed the vintage cars of the **Chicago Gearheads**, a CPD car enthusiasts' club. There were cars older than I (but *none* older than Moshe!) ... all in far better shape than us. Despite forecasted rain, Mother Nature provided a beautiful morning. Afterward, the group stopped by CPD hero **Jim Mullen's** house to say hello. Thank you, Chicago Gearheads, for your constant support of our work. Happy and SAFE motoring!

Mother Nature also came through for us last month at the annual outdoor **Fathers' Day Mass**. Again, despite predicted storms, we enjoyed dry weather and a great crowd for a Mass honoring all the CPD dads--living and deceased.

THANK YOU to **Nonno Pino's Restaurant** in Edison Park for hosting a 20% give-back event in June, contributing to the mission of Police Chaplains Ministry! They hosted us not one night, not two nights, but THREE nights! And thank you to all who came out to enjoy a great meal and support a worthwhile cause, which netted us \$1,500. The restaurant owner told me they never felt safer than during these nights when the place was filled with police officers, on-duty and off. What a generous show of support for our vital work from you and our hosts there. When looking for a very nice place to eat in Edison Park, be sure to visit Nonno Pino's on Northwest Highway.



On our usual Wednesday overnights in the districts, Chaplain Bob Montelongo and I ran into **Detective Dan Fava from Area South**, at the scene of a major incident. Here you'll see us getting doused with rain to pose for a quick picture on 26 JUN.

Mark your calendar for a Police Chaplains Ministry **happy hour fundraiser on 13 AUG**, which happens to be the birthday of a certain CPD Directing Chaplain.

The updated location will be disclosed soon on our website and FB page.

Save the date for the **third annual "Tee off for Tony" golf outing**, scheduled for Saturday, 24 AUG, with a 1:30 shotgun start at Indian Boundary Golf Course on the northwest side. The outing honors **CPD Officer Tony Letizia**, who lost his life a few years ago to brain cancer at the age of 32. Proceeds benefit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. More information can be found on our home page: www.ChicagoPCM.org.

Brotherhood For The Fallen hosts their annual *Blue Tie Gala* on Saturday, 28 SEP. This is a most elegant event held at the Rosemont Hyatt. It sells out each year, so get your tickets soon! More information can be found on their website: www.BrotherhoodForTheFallen.org.

We get mail.... here are excerpts from a note from **Brittni**, a CPD officer who is currently serving overseas as a military reservist. She recently received one of our **care packages**, sent in conjunction with the good folks at **St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church/School**. Brittni writes: *"I just received your care package. How nice to hear from the Chaplains Section and the kids at St. Francis Borgia School. I read every one of the kids' notes, and hung some on the wall in my work area. Many of the kids' notes made me laugh; others made me tear up. I'm missing home, but hearing from folks in Chicago makes this all worth it. Thank you for everything you sent in the care package. I've been with CPD for three years and I can't wait to get back to work. I miss my co-workers."*



Finally, CONGRATULATIONS to **PO Eric Davis (004)**, our newest St. Jude League Chaplain, on the occasion of conducting his first **St. Jude Wake Service!** Pictured here is him (right), with other department members outside a recent funeral. Thanks, Eric, for ministering to fellow department members following the death of a loved one.



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Jude League Chaplains are doing God's work. **And so are you in your daily work!** May God continue to bless you and keep you safe!

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