



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

At the annual Candlelight Vigil held Thursday, 09 SEP, we honored 600 CPD officers who have lost their lives in service to the people of our city.

Prior to August 7, the number of LOD deaths was 599. But sadly, of course, a true hero was taken from us last month; may Ella French rest in peace. We just ordered 2,000 more memorial cards for Ella. Let me know if you'd like one sent to you. Please note you can also print them from our website's "LOD death memorial cards" link.

Our next Upper Room Club gathering (featuring prayer, Bible study and faith sharing among like-minded law enforcement friends) will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21 SEP, at the Newark Nook (6443 N. Newark Ave.). No matter your faith tradition (if any), you are most welcome to join us!

On Saturday, 25 SEP, the Brotherhood for the Fallen will host their annual "Blue Tie Gala" in Rosemont. I have emceed this event for many years and have the honor of doing so again this year. Please join us! Details can be found on our home page.



On Wednesday, 29 SEP at 7:30 p.m., a Blue Mass will be held at St. John Cantius Parish (825 N. Carpenter, Chicago). This is a special day since it is the feast of St. Michael the Archangel (our patron saint).

Another Blue Mass will be offered on Saturday, 05 NOV, at St. Ita Parish (1220 W. Catalpa, Chicago). All are welcome to come and pray with and for our

officers...active and retired!

On Thursday, 07 OCT, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation hosts its annual Valor Awards ceremony. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor the heroism of dozens of our brothers and sisters. More information can be found on the Foundation's website: [www.CPDmemorial.org](http://www.CPDmemorial.org).



Our new challenge coins have arrived! They feature St. Michael the Archangel on the front and the chaplains' star on the back. The coins can be purchased at the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation store at police headquarters or on the Police Chaplains Ministry website's merchandise page.

Finally, did you hear I got promoted to Rabbi? This is actual Channel 7 news footage from a huge prayer vigil outside the 016<sup>th</sup> district station last month. I hope this promotion comes with a pay raise!



God bless you as you continue to do God's work. Please stay safe and healthy! Know that active or retired, you're in our daily prayers.

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