

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

Thank you to all who participated in the Chaplains and EAP's "Get Un-Scrooged" event last month. Viewing and discussing Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" allowed us to remind ourselves what REALLY matters during this magical time of year...and how to address the inherent stressors of the season.

Last month we also teamed up with FOP to send high-quality care packages to 30 CPD members who are serving abroad in the military reserves. Let us keep in prayer our brothers and sisters who still serve, just in a different uniform. In a special way we remember them (and their families who miss them) during the holidays.

On 01 DEC we hosted our beloved Gold Star Family members at the annual pre-holiday dinner at Soldier Field. What a wonderful opportunity for us to thank these families for the sacrifice they endured, and to reiterate that their loved one who died in the line of duty will NEVER be forgotten! Thank you to all our supporters who make the annual event possible!



On 17 DEC, we commemorate the four-year anniversary of the untimely and tragic deaths of Officers Conrad Gary and Eduardo Marmolejo. May they rest in peace, and may their families be assured of our loving, prayerful support!

Theirs and many other memorial cards may be downloaded from our website. If you'd prefer to have any cards mailed to you, simply email or call me.



During the Advent season, many people try to pray more intentionally. So, just a reminder: every Friday at 1:00 p.m. the Chaplains Section continues to facilitate a Bible study/prayer/faith-sharing group at the police academy. No matter your faith tradition, ALL are welcome to share and hear words of encouragement at these brief Christian-based gatherings.

A similar (though more intimate in size) non-denominational Christian prayer opportunity is offered every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Public Safety Headquarters.

And Muslim (Jumma) prayers are offered every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in room 202 of the academy.



To confirm times, or if you'd like more information, please email Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org, Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org, or Hysni.Selenica@ChicagoPolice.org.

In addition to our regular 2nd and 4th Sunday Masses at Mercy Home (11:00 a.m. at 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard), we'll gather for Mass on Christmas morning at 10:00...note the difference in time for the holiday. So that social distancing can be observed, we gather in the indoor soccer field rather than the chapel. More information can be found on the "Police Masses" link at www.ChicagoPCM.org

Attention married couples: Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis is putting together a police marriage weekend retreat. It'll be held the weekend before Valentine's Day. Mark your calendar to come strengthen your marriage with a dozen or so other couples! Enrollment is limited, and attendee costs are offset by Police Chaplains Ministry and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. To reserve your spot, please email Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org.

May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy!

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