

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



I really wish you PO's on the south side would lighten up a little. *Ha!*

This laugh-filled picture was shot last month during a visit to Ken's Restaurant at 105th and Western in O22. Seriously: look at those smiles!! They are contagious, so I hope this picture prompts YOU to spread the happiness!!



Here's a challenge: If you can identify any of these officers, send me an email with their name(s). If you're correct, I'll send you a Police Chaplains Ministry challenge coin.



Here's another reason to smile: on 25 SEP, I was honored to lead prayer at an event supporting PO Danny Golden. Considering what he's been through, he looks AWESOME...and of course he is SMILING!

At least 1,000 people gathered at the Irish American Heritage Center to show their love for our brother. God bless Danny and his amazing family during this difficult time!

Thank you to the parishes who have recently hosted Blue Masses: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Aloysius, St. John Cantius and Holy Name Cathedral. And thank you to all who attended these wonderful opportunities to pray with and for fellow first responders.

Our next Blue Mass will be held at Queen of Martyrs Parish (103rd and Central Park) on Sunday, 30 OCT, at 10:30 a.m.

Maple Park United Methodist Church (11705 S. Elizabeth in Chicago—where CPD Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis serves as Deacon) will host a special worship service honoring, thanking, and praying with/for first responders on Sunday, 13 NOV at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome! More information can be found at www.MapleParkUMC.org.

On Wednesday, 26 OCT, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation hosts its annual Valor Awards ceremony. Join Rabbi Wolf and me as we honor the heroism of dozens of our brothers and sisters. More information can be found on the Foundation's website: www.CPDmemorial.org.

If the CPD Chaplains can ever be of ANY assistance/support to CPD members, retirees or families, please don't hesitate to call on us: Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089), Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684), Chaplain Hysni Selenica (312/771-6692), Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (312/771-6638), Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780), or me (773/550-2369). All of these numbers (also listed in your FOP directory under "Chaplains") are cell phones and receive text messages. You can also email us through the chaplains' website (below). Be assured of our non-judgmental confidentiality.

The Department's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) professional counseling service is also a terrific (and confidential) resource on-call 24/7 at 312-743-0378. Please never hesitate to utilize their services.

I leave you with a prayer printed on signs inside each Philadelphia Police Department station:

*For every evil word spoken against you,
There are hundreds of thousands of prayers recited FOR you.
Blessings to you. We support you and we love you.
Thank you for protecting us!*

These are the sentiments from the people of Philadelphia to their police. On behalf of the vast majority of the Chicagoans you serve, I respectfully extend these same sentiments to you.

Thank you for doing God's work. May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy!

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