



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

Easter greetings!! I'm glad Lent is over and Easter has arrived. For my Lenten sacrifice, I gave up three things I really like: CHOCOLATE, MARSHMALLOWS and NUTS. Let me tell you...it wasn't easy. In fact, it was a ROCKY ROAD!

Despite the circumstances that brought us there, it was heartening to see so many officers and supervisors present in the courtroom and overflow room at the nine-day trial of Officer Ella Grace French's murderer. On behalf of Ella's mother, Elizabeth, as well as Carlos and Josh: THANK YOU for taking time out of your busy schedule to be there.

Some of Ella's co-workers commented on how moved they were to see some of my colleagues like Chaplains Kim, Joe and Hysni also present to lend support to so many who packed the courtroom. If you weren't able to be there in person, please know at least your thoughts and prayers were appreciated! Thank God the jury did their job well and justice was served for Ella.



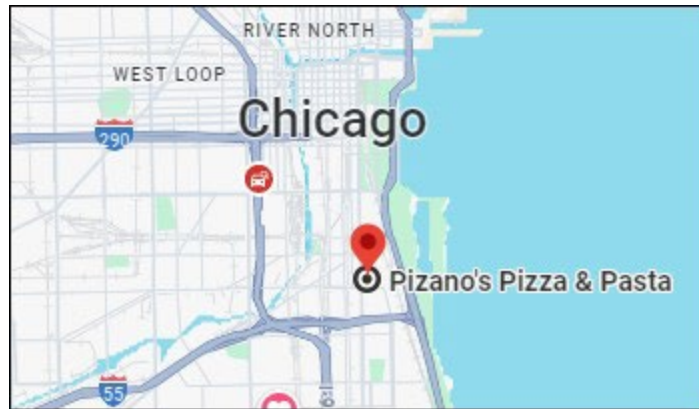
Ella G. French

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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

born	31 August 1991
appointed C.P.D.	16 April 2018
end of watch	07 August 2021

Respectfully, Police Chaplains Ministry



Continued gratitude to Pizano's Pizza and Pasta at 21st and Indiana for once again hosting our Upper Room Club last month. When choosing a pizza place, please remember how much Pizano's supports the police. If you'd like to add your name to the Upper Room Club invitation list, please email me. It's a wonderful opportunity to share faith, learn about the Divine, and enjoy a meal with like-minded folks.



At a get-together following the downtown St. Patrick's Day parade on 16 MAR, I had the pleasure of joining Emerald Society bagpipers Kevin Forrest (Lyons PD) and Paul Kane (former CPD, now Oak Park PD), along with members of the Garda (the Irish police force). What a wonderful afternoon!

I was the unworthy recipient of an award last month from Blue Lives Matter New York, an organization that (like our Brotherhood For The Fallen) helps send uniformed officers to LOD funerals throughout the country. Thank you to those from Chicago who travelled to Staten Island to be part of the celebration with our NYPD brothers and sisters!



On Saturday, 27 APR, from 3:00-7:00 p.m., we'll be taking over The Klairmont Kollections auto museum (near Belmont/Cicero). This is a fundraiser for Police Chaplains Ministry. There will be a grand raffle...so please shake the tree if you have friends who own restaurants, car washes, bars, clothing stores, whatever! Please ask for gift certificates. We would appreciate your help!

On Sunday, 19 MAY, the Chicago Gearheads car club will gather at Bunker Hill Woods for their annual season-opener car blessing. Whether a car enthusiast or not, feel free to come and check out some old cars, hot rods, and everything between. Rabbi Moshe Wolf and I have the annual honor of assisting at this event.

Mark your calendar! On Sunday, 16 JUN, we will celebrate our annual **Fathers' Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park**. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773)550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

Keep up with all of the above and LOTS more on our FaceBook page or website (www.ChicagoPCM.org).

Thank you for doing God's work! I leave you with this Irish secret to a long life: *May you leave the bed tired, leave the table hungry and leave the tavern thirsty.*

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