



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

Thanks to all who joined us last month on the northwest side at "Bowling with Brandt!" Lots of fun was had by about 150 supporters in attendance...and we raised some well-needed funds for our ministry to CPD members and retirees, as well as our outreach to beloved Gold Star Families. Here is a picture of team who made it happen...



That same day, Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis hosted a marriage retreat that was very well attended and proved to be a life-giving source to all couples who participated. Thank you, Kim, for your deep interest in preserving the sanctity of marriage in our police families!



01 JUN 2025: Alongside CPD Superintendent Larry Snelling, CPD Chaplain Rafael Yanez offered the invocation at a memorial ceremony marking the 16th anniversary of the death of PO Alex Valadez. Thank you, Chaplain Yanez, for rising to the occasion! And thank you, Alex (RIP) for the incredible sacrifice you made for the people of our city. God bless the Valadez Family as they continue to mourn his loss.



While I'm thanking my colleagues/friends in the Chaplains Unit, I'd like to pay my (our!) gratitude to Chaplain Hysni Selenica, who has been very attentive to the Vasquez Lasso Family during recent court hearings. Along with our EAP clinicians, Special Activities officers and Peer Support members, Hysni has been at this family's side through their continued painful reminders of that fateful day over two years ago.

Thank you, also, to the folks at St. Helen Parish in Ukrainian Village for hosting a beautiful blue Mass last month. It is always nice to see folks come out to support and pray with/for you who dedicate your lives to protecting and serving others.

Upcoming Blue Masses I have the honor of celebrating follow:

St. Eugene Parish (NW side) Sunday, 05 OCT at 11:30 a.m.

Holy Name Cathedral (downtown) Sunday, 12 OCT at 10:30 a.m.

St. Gianna Parish (Evergreen Park) Sunday, 19 OCT at 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul of the Cross (Park Ridge) Saturday, 25 OCT at 4:30 p.m.

As always, ALL are welcome to come and pray with/for our police at these Blue Masses...perhaps in your neighborhood! Of course, you're also welcome at the police Mass every second and fourth Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at Mercy Home (1140 W. Jackson Boulevard). See our website for more information.

Looking ahead...On Saturday, 20 SEP, the Brotherhood For The Fallen's annual Blue Tie Gala takes place at the Hyatt Regency in Rosemont. I enjoy supporting this great cause by emceeing this event annually. Get your tickets before they sell out (available on the Brotherhood's website).

Keep up with all of the above and LOTS more at www.ChicagoPCM.org.

God bless you and keep you safe!

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