



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

In case you happen to be reading this before 15 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.

Also, this month, Police Chaplains Ministry hosts hundreds of our beloved **Gold Star Families** on their 28th annual luncheon cruise aboard the *Spirit of Chicago*. If you would like to help underwrite the cost of this outing, feel free to donate via our website or by mailing a check to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607.

Your Department Chaplains are hosting a day-long marriage retreat on Friday, 27 JUN, 1000 hours-1500 hours at Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanical Gardens in Palos Heights.

We are excited to invite all active and retired Chicago Police Officers and their spouses to participate in this program intended to strengthen relationships, improve communication and achieve better work-life balance.

This retreat will provide a safe and supportive environment for couples to connect, share experiences and learn valuable relationship-building skills tailored to the unique challenges of law enforcement life. Childcare is included. Please contact Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis for more information at [Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org](mailto:Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org) or 312-771-6638.



That same evening (27 JUN), we'll be "Bowling with Brandt." All are welcome to come show off your bowling prowess at Edison Park Inn on the northwest side. A \$50 donation to Police Chaplains Ministry gets you bowling, three hours of open bar (beer/wine), and unlimited pizza. Come join the fun! Tickets are available on our website.

Keep up with all of the above and LOTS more at [www.ChicagoPCM.org](http://www.ChicagoPCM.org).

In light of the death of Pope Francis, I'd like to close with my favorite quote of his:

*Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...life is good when you are happy; but life is much better when others are happy because of you.*

Thank **you** for helping to make others happy (AND SAFE!).

God bless you and keep you safe!

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