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







05 AUG: The CPD Futbol Club met at Casa Tequila Mexican Grill and Steakhouse (Division and Damen) to honor Krystal Rivera with a plaque hung that very evening in the restaurant. Her family was present as well. Please pay a visit to see all the plaques honoring our fallen officers since the time this establishment opened. They are located at Division and Damen, they love the police, and their food is DELICIOUS. (The margaritas aren't so bad either, *I've heard*).

Thank you to Pizano's Pizza and Pasta (21st and Indiana) for once again hosting our Upper Room Club last month. We had a wonderful evening of discussion over salad, appetizers, pizza, and drinks. Pizano's also LOVES the police. Let's show them our support.

I am headed back to NYC for the 24th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on America. Helping there in 2001, I made some terrific friends there (NYPD and Medical Examiner folks) with whom I continue to keep in contact and visit either there or here in Chicago. Let us keep our NYC friends in our thoughts and prayers this month!

Many others from CPD try to get there to mark the anniversary. Please let me know if you happen to be going, as I would love to invite you on the morning of 9/11 to the rooftop of Truck 10/Tower 10 at the World Trade Center site. There we will hoist flags—then folded by US Marines—to be presented to catastrophically injured law enforcement and military members. It is a truly moving experience...and a wonderful chance to pray for these good souls.

Speaking of praying for good souls, upcoming Blue Masses I have the honor of celebrating follow:

- St. Christina (Mount Greenwood) Saturday, 06 SEP at 4:00 p.m.
- St. Cletus (LaGrange) Sunday, 07 SEP at 10:30 a.m.
- St. Eugene (NW side) Sunday, 05 OCT at 11:30 a.m.

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

- St. Gianna (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.

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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