

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

KUDOS to our troops and administration on a job VERY well done with NATO last month! **St. Michael the Archangel**, the patron saint of police officers and soldiers, is depicted artistically in the act of fighting the devil. In doing God's work throughout the city during the NATO Summit, our officers likewise exhibited incredible professionalism and tremendous restraint encountering Satan face-to-face.



Many troublemakers came to Chicago to wreak havoc and went home disappointed at their thwarted efforts. But the many GOOD, productive, tax-paying visitors and people of this great city were *anything but disappointed* in the outstanding performance of the Chicago Police Department at every rank.

The other chaplains and I witnessed this first hand. We were right in the mix, delivering troops to the front line, and then throughout their tours, providing ice water to their various locations. During one of our re-stocking missions at a Salvation Army post, a sergeant—fighting back tears—told me, “In my 25 years on this job, I have taken enormous pride in doing what I do. But I have NEVER been *more* proud than today to be a Chicago Police Officer.”

Channel 5 news reporter Charlie Wojciechowski stated, “The Chicago Police Department's handling of this Summit will no doubt serve as the model for other agencies in the future.”

I recently received an email from a retired CFD battalion chief, who wrote, “I have never been more proud of the Chicago Police than now after witnessing the restraint they showed during these protests. Our brave officers exemplified what duty and honor really mean. A loud ‘Hoorah’ for the members in blue!”

Your character, professionalism and training all had something to do with the positive outcome of this milestone event. But so did God's hand. Thank you to **Chaplain Joe Jackson** for his commitment to *praying* for a peaceful NATO Summit. Joe's prayer circle was made up of many officers of different faith traditions. Their prayers were certainly heard and granted by our all-good God!



The NATO Summit lapel pins (1" x 1.5") have made quite a hit. These \$5.00 pins are available at the FOP store and some uniform outlets...as well as in certain units. Sales benefit the Chaplains Ministry. If you would like to help sell pins, please contact me. For more information, please visit our website: www.ChicagoPCM.org.

One last note on NATO... for a short but worthwhile article featured last month in the **Chicago Tribune** about the **faith** aspect of your work in dealing with folks suffering from mob mentality, please click on the link you'll find on the home page of the Police Chaplains Ministry website: www.ChicagoPCM.org.

Police Chaplains Ministry will celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 17 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-

2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. Assuming Mother Nature agrees, bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

CPD Masses are normally scheduled the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 1100-1130 hrs at Mercy Home: 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. No matter your faith tradition, ALL ARE WELCOME. On-duty worshippers, rest assured: you'll be out in 30 minutes.

God bless you in your most noble, God-ordained work!

See you on the street,

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