



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

This month we co-hosted a follow-up seminar on **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder** and events that cause this epidemic. Hundreds of attendees reported that it was a worthwhile experience. I beg your continued prayers for your brothers and sisters who are affected (even *tormented*) by traumatic experiences. For more information on this very real phenomenon, please consult the “Resources and Outreaches” link on our website ([www.ChicagoPCM.org](http://www.ChicagoPCM.org)).

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation is partnering with the Department in repeating the **Police Suicide Awareness and Prevention Seminar** that was hosted six months ago in Oak Brook. It was met with great enthusiasm then. This time, a modified four-hour version will be offered in-house at 35<sup>th</sup> and Michigan. Kent Williams, Chief of the Bartlett, IL Police Department (an expert in the field) will be our presenter. While it is for a select audience, please email or call me if you are interested. We’ll do our best to secure a spot for you.

Also, as always, we will celebrate a special **Fathers’ Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 16 JUN. 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.

We recently mailed a letter to all of our regular Police Chaplains Ministry supporters, asking for financial assistance for our 18<sup>TH</sup> annual summer Gold Star Families outing. This month **we are again taking the Gold Star Families on a lakefront cruise aboard the *Spirit of Chicago***. It’s a first-class event, as **we** (yes, with *your* help – **WE**) take care of everything: VIP parking, food, entertainment, pictures, etc. Our cruise ship is even escorted by CPD Marine Units with blue lights flashing. The most important component of our wonderful day together is this: we once again remind Gold Star Families that the loved ones they lost in the line of duty are **NEVER FORGOTTEN!**

If you would like to help make this outing a success with your tax-deductible contribution, please visit our website or send a check to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607.

If you did not receive a mailing but would like to be added to our mailing list, please call me at the number below or click on “Join our mailing list” on the website.

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

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