

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...



Last month I traveled to New York with the Chicago Police Enforcers football team. NYPD's team won the game that brought us there, but we had a great weekend nonetheless. The highlight of my time there wasn't the game, but the camaraderie and the opportunity to pray together as a group at the site of the World Trade Center memorial in lower Manhattan—where 60 of our brothers died 11 ½ years ago. It was a real honor to be with this group of great men and terrific cops...not to mention pretty darn good football players!

The **St. Jude March** earlier this month offered another great opportunity to honor those (and the families of those) who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

While the St. Jude League and the Police Chaplains Ministry are entirely different entities, we work well together. God bless the St. Jude League for their great ministry...and God bless our fallen officers and their families!

We are looking for **LOD death memorial cards** to publish on our website. You can visit www.ChicagoPCM.org, and then click the "Line of Duty Death Memorial Cards" link to see the collection we have so far. If you have any memorial cards you'd like to share with us, please scan and email them to me for publication. Or, contact me and we'll figure out a way to get them from you, publish them on our site, and then return them to you right away. Thanks in advance for any help you can provide. Let us NEVER forget our fallen officers!

As Chicago marks one year since hosting the **NATO** Summit, I would like to extend another "Kudos" to YOU who made last May's event run so smooth and peacefully. Though a year later, you should still be very proud! If you want to show "You were there," the FOP store and certain uniform shops still carry the 1" x 1.5" NATO lapel pins (\$5.00) and challenge coins (\$10.00).

You can also view and request them on our website: www.ChicagoPCM.org. Proceeds benefit the Chaplains Ministry.



In the event you have this newsletter in your hands before **Mothers' Day**, please note that **our usual 2nd/4th Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mercy Home Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on 12 MAY** to accommodate folks cooking for or traveling to visit Mom. We'll remember in a special way at that Mass all mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased.

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.

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 less than 30 minutes.

Chaplain Bob Montelongo and I recently celebrated a “traveling CPD Mass” at St. John Fisher Parish on the south side. It was very well attended and met with great enthusiasm by those in attendance. Later this summer, we’ll do the same at St. Cajetan (date TBD). We have identified several other parishes north, south and west that many police families call home, and will make efforts to visit them, as well. We’ll keep you posted here and in the daily bulletin.

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

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