



From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

A few "Thank You's" are in order... First, to all who came out to support the 100 Club of Chicago at last month's "Laugh Patrol: Finding the Funniest Cop in Chicago." About ten PO's participated, as did Rabbi Moshe Wolf and me. It was a wonderful evening, raising funds for a very worthwhile cause.

Thanks, also, to all who attended the Emerald Society's annual banquet in Oak Forest. There I was unworthily bestowed the title of "Irishman of the Year." What a source of pride for me to receive this distinction...humbling as it is! Thank you to the Emerald Society for this honor...and for all the good you do for the law enforcement family!

One last thank-you to all who made possible the suicide awareness and prevention seminar on 26 SEP. This seminar (the third this year!) was co-hosted by the Chicago and Oak Brook Police Departments, the Chaplains Ministry, Motorola, and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. Our presenter was well-known author Dr. Kevin Gilmartin, an expert on emotional survival for those in law enforcement. For resources and more information on this important topic, please visit our website, and click on the "Resources and Outreaches" page.

You'll find pictures of all these events (and many others) on the "Photo Album" page of our website.

In this FOP newsletter, you'll see an ad from Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, an orphanage and social service provider with multiple locations throughout the city. Mercy Home is very good to the police, providing us with a worship space for our Sunday Masses, and providing my secretary and me with free office space. They are seeking a police department member to live in one of their new apartment buildings on the south side. This is NOT a resident-assistance role; you would simply live in a private apartment on premise, and enjoy greatly-discounted rent in return...a win-win situation! If you're looking for an apartment, please consider this opportunity.

In addition to our usual 11:00 a.m. Police Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday, next month we'll celebrate a special Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, 28 NOV, at 10:00 a.m. (Please note the adjustment in time for the holiday.) No matter your faith tradition, you are **most** welcome to attend. On-duty worshippers, you'll be out as usual in less than 30 minutes.

Finally, next month Police Chaplains Ministry will again host our beloved Gold Star Families at a holiday dinner on the Club Level of Soldier Field, overlooking the Police Memorial. This is a wonderful evening indeed. Letters will be sent to those on our mailing list, soliciting financial support for this evening...but I also wanted to invite you via this means to consider making a donation. If you wish to do so, your tax-deductible gift (payable to Police Chaplains Ministry) may be made online at our website, sent via CPD mail to Unit 118, or mailed to 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 60607. Thanks in advance for helping us to remind Gold Star Family members that their loved ones are NEVER FORGOTTEN.

God bless you in your most noble work,

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