



From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

Never have the words “You’re Surrounded” sounded so welcome! Here I have the pleasure of being *surrounded* by friends and **PO’s Brenda Lopez** from 010 (detailed to Traffic Court), and **Miriam Lucena** from 011. Keep up the great work, officers!

Usually in this column I include pictures from visits with PO’s snapped at night on streets or in alleys in the hood; this picture was taken at a wake for the parent of a 14th District PO. May God grant eternal rest to all our deceased loved ones!

In the past month I have conducted **St. Jude** services for three active department members, and I can’t put into words the feeling of brother/sisterhood that is exhibited by officers and bosses present to pay their respects. Many show up in uniform, some who may be related are there for the entire wake and dress in civilian clothes...just like many retirees present who likewise join our ranks to honor our deceased. Your presence at police family wakes is appreciated by mourning family members more than you know. So on their behalf I **thank you** for practicing one of the Corporal Works of Mercy: praying for the deceased.

Thanks also to the **Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, the Motorola Corporation, and Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis**, who teamed up last month to host north-side and south-side **End-Of-Life Workshops** for PO’s and their families. This important topic is something we need to address...and with continued interest, we hope to repeat these seminars in the future.

The **CPD Survivors Group** has been resurrected and is going strong. If you have experienced a shooting, squad car accident, or any other traumatic incident -- and might benefit from processing it with other PO’s who have been through similar situations, please consider joining them at one of their regular meetings on the north or south side. For more information, see their link on the PCM website (below), or call 312-848-9141.

Finally, if you’re free on Monday, 15 SEP, and would enjoy a 7:05 p.m. Cubs home game (vs. the Cincinnati Reds), please consider joining us on a rooftop to support a great cause: Police Chaplains Ministry. Your \$100 donation gets you on the rooftop with all the food and drink you wish to enjoy. RSVP to my email address below.

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