

## **Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...**

Students at **St. Francis Borgia Catholic School** on the northwest side raised several hundred dollars to purchase LEMART first-aid kits for CPD officers. Here you'll see last month's check presentation to the Chicago Police Foundation immediately after a Friday morning all-school Mass. Representing the Department are Commanders Bill Looney and Marc Buslik, along with Foundation representative Mary Ann Rose. Good job and THANK YOU, St. Francis Borgia Catholic School!



A recent CBS Chicago news item reminds us how valuable LEMART kits are. Kudos to **CPD Officers John McGlynn and Michael Hughes** who recently employed their kits and training to save the life of a young gunshot victim in Englewood.

Police Chaplains Ministry recently hosted hundreds of our beloved **Gold Star Families** at a holiday dinner on the Club Level of Soldier Field, overlooking the police memorial. This was a wonderful evening indeed. Letters were sent out last month to those on our mailing list, soliciting financial support for the evening...and very generous donations have been flowing in. 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 or mailed to/dropped off at 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago 60607. **Thanks for helping us to remind Gold Star Family members that they and their loved ones are NEVER FORGOTTEN.**

Many thanks to PO/Explosives Tech **Dominick Kearns** and his dedicated team of volunteers for assembling **Christmas care packages** to be sent to our troops overseas. And thanks to so many of you who generously supported this great cause! As you read this note, the packages are on their way to their recipients...our brothers and sisters who have switched uniforms, but continue to carry out the mission of protecting our freedom and rights.



Our officers have been run ragged these past couple of months with the **Cubs** win and the pre- and post- presidential election rallies. Despite the crazy hours being worked, our officers have been commended time and again for their patient professionalism. Here you'll see such an example: **PO Denny McGuire and PO Todd Gillerlain**, old friends of mine, seen working hard keeping peace during one of the street celebrations. Look at the hunger and exhaustion in their faces! CPD should be very proud...keep up the great work!

Please note the **Police Mass at Mercy Home** (1140 W. Jackson Blvd) on Sunday, 11 DEC, is at its normal time of 11:00 a.m. But on

**Christmas Day**, Sunday, 25 DEC, we'll offer Mass at **10:00 a.m.** in order to get you home sooner to open gifts and prepare dinner. While this is a Catholic Mass, ALL are welcome! Bring your family.

When looking for a business to patronize, be sure to check out the "LINKS" page on our website... there you'll find several **police-owned and police-friendly businesses** who would appreciate your support. Be sure, likewise, to patronize the advertisers in this FOP magazine.

**Attention married couples**, active or retired: The Chaplains Unit is gauging interest in a **couples' retreat** to be held Sweetest Day of next year (weekend of 20-22 OCT 2017). If you and your spouse would be interested in attending, please email Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at [Kimberly.LewisDavis@chicagopolice.org](mailto:Kimberly.LewisDavis@chicagopolice.org) or call 312-771-6638.

Finally, this time of year can be very stressful. For hints on how to thrive during the holiday season, please see the "Resource and Outreaches" page on our website. *Whatever* holiday you might celebrate, may God be a big part of it—with abundant blessings to you and your family!

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