

Fr. Dan Brandt's Corner...



Chaplain Bob Montelongo and I bumped into **PO Eirberto Claudio** a few weeks ago on a midnight **10-1** call for another officer seriously injured in an incident at Grand and Western Avenues. Thanks be to God, the injured officer will be OK.

The experience was a profound reminder of the familial relationship we enjoy, where officers like Eirberto race into harm's way to assure the well-being of their brother/sister. You'll notice in the picture that our faces are blue...that's from the sea of blue lights lining the intersection. Keep up the great work looking out for each other, brothers and sisters in blue!

It was wonderful to see the vast crowd gathered at last month's annual **Candlelight Vigil at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park!** There, we paid tribute to the 578 souls whose names are inscribed on the Memorial Wall. May they rest in peace!

Our "**Upper Room Club**" continues to meet every first Wednesday of the month at Pizano's Pizza and Pasta in Wicker Park. More information is available on our website. This past month, we had a guest from the Greek Orthodox tradition join us to present on their faith. In the past we've had members of the Jewish and Muslim traditions as well. This month, we'll talk about the Community of Saints over beer and pizza.



Speaking of saints, our most recent mint of **challenge coins** honor our fallen officers. Please check them out online by clicking the "Merchandise" link at www.ChicagoPCM.org. If you're not internet savvy, just call 312-738-7588 to request your coins. They are also available at the FOP store on Washington Boulevard and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation store at headquarters.

Recent **BLUE MASSES** have been nicely attended, and there are a few more planned this month. Uniforms or dress blues are encouraged but certainly not required:

- Sunday, 08 OCT, 9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church (79th/Jeffrey)
 - This is Marathon Sunday, so there will be NO Mass at Mercy Home
- Sunday, 15 OCT, 11:30 a.m. at St. James Parish (29th/Wabash)
- Sunday, 29 OCT, 10:00 a.m. at St. Thecla Parish (Devon, east of Harlem).

Let us continue to pray for--and look out for--one another!

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