

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

Recently outside the parish where I reside in 014, I bumped into **PO Juan Diaz** keeping the folks of my neighborhood safe. Thanks to all of you who do the very same, day in and day out, in neighborhoods all over the 231 square miles of this city.

The **Brotherhood for the Fallen** is again hosting their *Blue Tie Gala*, this year on Saturday, 22 SEP, at a larger venue: the Rosemont Hyatt. Last year's event sold out...so get your tickets soon!

A Blue Mass is scheduled for Saturday, 28 SEP, 5:30 p.m. at **St. Ita Parish**, 5500 N. Broadway.

While you're welcome to wear your uniform or dress blues, you're also most welcome to dress casually (and bring your family). This is a Catholic Mass, but as always, ALL are welcome.

Have you and your family been affected by suicide? A police family resource group has been formed recently to provide support to you and your family! It's called **STAR...Suicide Trauma and Recovery**. The group meets monthly on the southwest side. If you're interested in joining, please contact Chaplain Bob Montelongo at 773-459-5089 or Robert.Montelongo@ChicagoPolice.org.

A **CPD SPOUSES' RESOURCE GROUP** is also available... If your spouse would like to participate in this group, which meets monthly in a central location, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with the group's chairperson.

Recently someone asked me about the **St. Jude Police League** and its mission...and I'm glad they did because it gave me the opportunity to do some research on this worthwhile organization.

Their website, www.SaintJudePolice.org, provides their mission statement as follows: The Saint Jude Police League is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the men and women of the Chicago Police Department and their families. The



League provides support and assistance to the families of police officers in times of bereavement. The St. Jude wake ministry is available to members for comfort and support in times of crisis and sadness.



Founded in 1932, the League is the oldest fraternal order associated with the Chicago Police Department. It was originally inspired by St. Jude Thaddeus, globally recognized as patron of hope. Every year in May, the League proudly hosts the St. Jude Police March, where thousands of CPD members march in honor and memory of those who cannot: our deceased officers.

Very popular are St. Jude League windshield stickers, available each April for a \$7.00 donation. Also available through their website (www.SaintJudePolice.org) are St. Jude t-shirts and challenge coins. Funds raised through the sale of these items support the wake visitation ministry and a host of charitable organizations.

May St. Jude intercede on behalf of our officers and families, and may God continue to bless you in your most noble work!

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