

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

The 86th annual **St. Jude March** earlier this month offered another great opportunity to honor those (and the families of those) who have made the ultimate sacrifice. While the St. Jude League and Police Chaplains Ministry are entirely different entities, we work well together. God bless the St. Jude League for their great ministry...and God bless our fallen officers and their families!

May is traditionally the month during which we honor our fallen officers. THANK YOU to the many members who are representing our department this month at services in Springfield and Washington, DC. **Safe travels!**

We are looking for old **LOD death memorial cards** to publish on our website. You can visit www.ChicagoPCM.org, then click the "Line of Duty Death Memorial Cards" link to see the collection we have so far. If you have any memorial cards you'd like to share with us, please scan and email them to me for publication. Or, contact me and we'll figure out a way to get them from you, publish them on our site, and then return them to you right away. Thanks in advance for any help you can provide. Let us NEVER forget our fallen officers!

It is totally fitting that later this month, Police Chaplains Ministry will host our beloved **Gold Star Families** on our 23rd annual luncheon cruise aboard the *Spirit of Chicago*. This outing reminds our esteemed guests that their loved ones who died in the line of duty are NEVER FORGOTTEN.

After last year's cruise, I received a thank you note from a Gold Star Family member from Grand Rapids, Michigan. She wrote, "Thanks again for a lovely afternoon on the Gold Star Families cruise. It means the world sharing stories with people who know and care about our shared experience of having lost a loved one in the line of duty. Gathering with these good folks brings me closer to the brother I lost 30 years ago."

If you would like to support the cause and help us keep bringing these families together, feel free to donate via our website or by mailing a check to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL 60607.

During the month of May, Christians around the world remember our Blessed Mother, Mary, the woman who bore Jesus Christ in her womb. How fitting that we should honor (not "deify" or "worship") this young Jewish heroin. If you would like a **police-blue Rosary** free of charge, please email Chaplain Bob Montelongo (from our website's "Meet the Chaplains" page), and he'll be happy to send you one.



Have you lost a spouse to death? If so, there's a morning retreat offered for you at Our Lady of Pompeii Church (1224 W. Lexington) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, 02 JUN. A \$25 donation includes lunch. For more information and to register, visit www.OurLadyOfPompeii.org.

On **Thursday, 14 JUN, Dugan's (128 S. Halsted) will host Police Chaplains Ministry for a Happy Hour** fundraiser with food and open bar from 6-8 p.m. \$30 admission includes full bar and grub. For tickets,

please contact me or Det. Gia DiVito (Gia.DiVito@ChicagoPolice.org). You're guaranteed a good time in great company! June 14th is Flag Day...so please wear red/white/blue or something patriotic!

As always, we will celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 17 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

On Tuesday, 19 JUN, Police Chaplains Ministry is taking over the orchestra section of Chicago's famous Oriental Theater for "**The CHER Show.**" If you'd like to join the party, please visit our website to secure your tickets.



God bless you in your most noble, God-ordained work,

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