

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...



Congratulations to Joe Ahern, who recently retired as CEO/Director of the 100 Club of Chicago. As you know, the 100 Club helps support families of fallen police officers and members of the fire service.

During Joe's years of leadership, he grew the organization enormously--both in membership numbers and in geographic coverage.

Joe, enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

Congratulations also to the winners of my challenge in last month's FOP Magazine column. Each won a Chaplains Ministry t-shirt and challenge coin.

By the way, the correct answers for the question were: Maher Suleiman and Nick Chapello. If you'd like to see their pictures, they're on our website: www.ChicagoPCM.org...click on the NEWSLETTERS link for August 2020.

A **CPD SPOUSES' RESOURCE GROUP** is 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.

On our "Links" page, you'll find a program offered by the Archdiocese of Chicago for couples who need to strengthen their marriage. The program is called **Retrouvaille**, and it has saved countless marriages. I have heard from officers who have participated in it, and they can't say enough about this wonderful ministry. Visit our website or find it directly at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Chaplains Ministry **Challenge Coins** are still available...the most recent mint honors our fallen officers. Order them



online by clicking the "Merchandise" link at www.ChicagoPCM.org. The coins are also available at the FOP store on Washington Boulevard.

The feast of St. Michael the Archangel, patron of police, is this month (29 SEP). May his intercession keep all our members safe. If you'd like to learn more about him, or request a St. Michael prayer card, please visit the link on our website (below).



Finally, on 26 AUG at Cork & Kerry on South Western Avenue was a "Pat O'Brien for Cook County State's Attorney" event. I was NOT surprised to see so many friendly faces there. It was well worth the ride from the north side.

Here you'll see some of Pat's supporters....south side legend "Skinny" Sheehan and CPD members Anastasia DeLeo, Milan Sipic and Noland Rivera.

Since I'm neutral when it comes to politics, I can't wait to be invited to events like this from the other party. We'll post those pictures when that actually happens.

Regardless, may the best man win!

Thank you for supporting our vital work as we support yours!

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