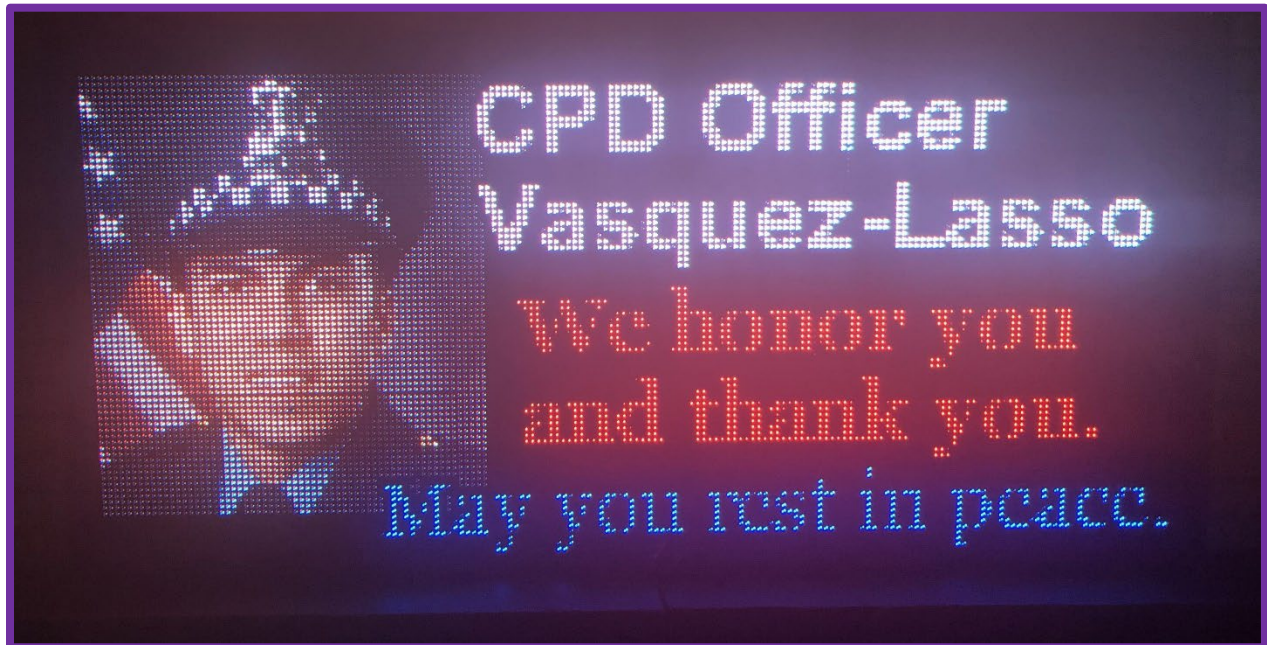


**From Your Directing Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...**



As last month we had the unfortunate task of again honoring a fallen officer, I took comfort in seeing this sign outside a Catholic Church in Oak Lawn. We have seen countless similar messages throughout the city and suburbs this past month or so. While we pray for Andres' family, friends and coworkers, we also thank God for the life leant to us, and for his noble and selfless service to the people of Chicago. As the sign reads, may Andres rest in peace.





On Saturday, 04 MAR 2023—a 35-degree day—the 020th District hosted a "Polar Plunge" event benefitting Special Olympics. Here you'll see "Plungers" led by none other than the district's Commander, Brendan McCrudden, in full uniform! Kudos to the 020th District for supporting such a worthy cause.

A Blue Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 22 APR, 5:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church in Avondale/Logan Square (3043 N. Francisco).

Another Blue Mass will be offered on Sunday, 30 APR, 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish (just off the Kennedy at Talcott and Harlem...in Norwood Park). As always, all are welcome to pray with and for our officers at the Blue Masses!

Finally, a word of thanks to St. Cajetan Parish, the organizers of the South Side Irish Parade and the tens of thousands in attendance.

I am deeply grateful for having been named Grand Marshal of the parade, along with CFD Chaplain Fr. Bill McFarlane. What an amazing honor for my fellow chaplains present (Hysni Selenica, Rabbi Moshe Wolf, and Rev. Kimberly Lewis-Davis). Bosses with names like Brian McDermott, John Spellman, and Bryan Spreyne also showed their support by walking the entire parade route shoulder-to-shoulder with us. I was so proud to be in their company.

I must include a shout-out to McNally's for including my name on their marquee. Thank you for making this northsider feel right at home as usual on the south side.



May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy! Thank you for doing God's work.

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