

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

The recent Blue Tie Gala benefitting the Brotherhood for the Fallen was a tremendous success. Hundreds of active and retired CPD members, along with community members grateful for your service, enjoyed an elegant evening of food, drink, raffles, live and silent auctions, entertainment, and dancing.



Special thanks to reporter Suzanne LeMignot from CBS/Channel 2, who joined me in emceeing the event. She did an amazing job, as did the entire team who put this event together. God bless all who support the amazing mission of the Brotherhood for the Fallen.

Last month, an officer was rushed to the hospital after an on-duty health incident in the police station. A few days later, I received the following words from the officer's wife. With her permission, I share with you some of her beautiful words:

*My husband is out of the hospital and grateful to his fellow officers who saw something was wrong with his health and had the presence of mind to summon help immediately. Had they not intervened so quickly, he may not be alive.*

*The family that is the Chicago Police Department is unlike any other. From the bosses who came to check on him, to the chaplains who came and prayed with us, to the officers who sat outside his door and regularly checked on me...you all are our family. Your support is overwhelming and humbling.*

*CPD, you have given my husband another reason to be PROUD to be a Chicago Police Officer. The kicks in the teeth that he, and all of you on the job, have taken these last few years have been heartbreaking and frustrating. But still, you show up for the job and you show up for each other. For this, I am eternally grateful.*

*My husband loves you, as do I. May God grant each of you and your families safety, health, and the wisdom to know that you are part of the most amazing group of men and women ever.*

Such beautiful, heartfelt words! I pray you will think of them if ever having a not-so-good day on the job.

Thanks to Pizano's Pizza and Pasta at 21<sup>st</sup> and Indiana for hosting our Upper Room Club last month. Pizano's LOVES the police. Please love them back. If you'd like to add your name to the Upper Room Club invitation list, please email me. It's a wonderful opportunity to share faith, learn about the divine, and enjoy a meal with like-minded folks.

Thanks, also, to the folks at St. Terrence Parish in Alsip for hosting last month's Blue Mass. Upcoming Blue Masses are scheduled as follows...

Sunday, 15 OCT, 10:30 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral

Sunday, 05 NOV, 10:30 a.m. at St. Gianna Parish in Evergreen Park

As always, we invite ALL to pray with and for our officers at the Blue Masses!

Support the Chicago Police Marine Corps League! Saturday, 09 DEC, from 1:00-6:00 p.m., they'll host a watch party at the FOP hall for the Army/Navy football game. More info at [www.ChicagoPoliceMarines.org](http://www.ChicagoPoliceMarines.org).

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

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