



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

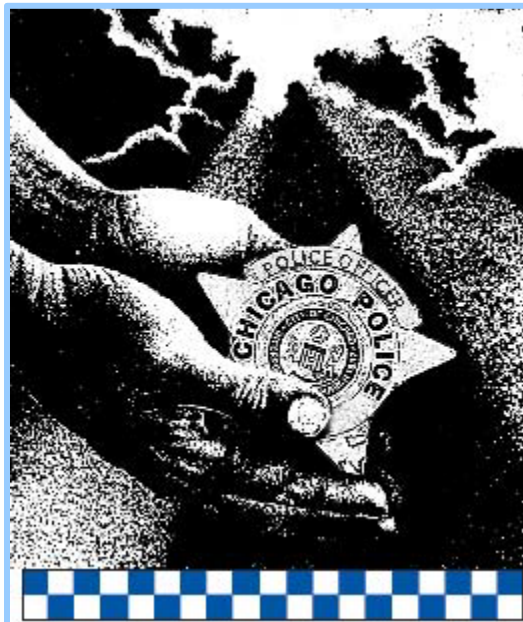
As we continue to mourn the tragic loss of PO Enrique Martinez, I'd like to share the prayer I included in my homily at Enrique's funeral Mass on 18 NOV. I cannot take credit for this beautiful prayer; it was written by the parent of a CPD member:

*Father, I ask your protection over our men and women serving in the Chicago Police Department. Guard them with your mighty hand as they serve and protect our communities.*

*Grant them wisdom, strength and courage in the face of danger. Comfort also their families and friends during this difficult time. Finally, Father, please bless our police officers and bring them all home safely at the end of each day.*

*In Jesus' name we pray... Amen!*

May our brother Enrique rest in peace! His memorial card is available for downloading and printing on the chaplains' website: [www.ChicagoPCM.org](http://www.ChicagoPCM.org).





Last month, I joined Rabbi Moshe Wolf to offer prayers at the street naming ceremony for PO Sam Jimenez on the occasion of the 6th anniversary of his death. The event took place outside the 002nd District at 51st and Wentworth. Next time you're in the area, be sure to check out Sam's honorary street sign on the southeast corner.

For the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row, I recently teamed up with FOP to send holiday care packages to our CPD members who are serving abroad in the military reserves. Let us keep in prayer our brothers and sisters (65 in number this year) who still serve, just in a different uniform. In a special way we remember them (and their families who miss them) during the holidays.

Thank you to Pizano's Pasta and Pizza at 21<sup>st</sup> and Indiana, who hosted our 26 NOV Upper Room Club session. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance. If you would like to join this group of like-minded folks for dinner and discussion, please send me your email address so I can add you to the invitation list.

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Police Chaplains Ministry hosted our beloved Gold Star Family members at the annual pre-holiday dinner at Soldier Field. What a wonderful opportunity for us to thank these families for the sacrifice they endured, and to reiterate that their loved one who died in the line of duty will NEVER be forgotten! Thank you to all our supporters who make this annual event possible!



On 17 DEC, we commemorate the six-year anniversary of the untimely and tragic deaths of Officers Conrad Gary and Eduardo Marmolejo. May they rest in peace, and may their families be assured of our loving, prayerful support!



During the Advent season, many people try to pray more intentionally. So, just a reminder: every Friday the Chaplains Section continues to facilitate a Bible study/prayer/faith-sharing group at the police academy on Jackson. No matter your faith tradition, ALL are welcome to share and hear words of encouragement at these brief Christian-based gatherings.

A similar (though more intimate in size) non-denominational Christian prayer opportunity is offered every Wednesday in the multi-purpose room at Public Safety Headquarters.

And Muslim (Jumma) prayers are offered every Friday at the academy on Jackson.



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Finally, in addition to our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Masses at Mercy Home (11:00 a.m. at 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard), we'll gather for Mass on Christmas morning at 10:00...note the difference in time for the holiday. More information can be found on the "Police Masses" link at [www.ChicagoPCM.org](http://www.ChicagoPCM.org)

God bless you and keep you safe,

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