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PRESS RELEASE

**REVEREND STEVE ANGI TO CELEBRATE THE 17th ANNUAL
“BLUE MASS”
ON 9/26/21 TO HONOR MEMBERS OF POLICE AND FIRE UNITS**

Cincinnati, OH, July 26, 2021 — Archdiocesan priest and Police Chaplain, Reverend Steve Angi, will be the principal celebrant at the 17th Annual Blue Mass to be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, 325 W. Eighth Street, in downtown Cincinnati.

The celebration of the Blue Mass provides a much needed opportunity for the community to gather, physically, around our police and fire departments to offer them our support. They put their lives on the line for us every single day. The least we can do is to come together one day to show them how much we appreciate what they do.

Attendees should consider coming early to the Cathedral (about 10:30 a.m.) to see area fire trucks set up with flags hung from their extended ladders, and to see officers on horseback.

"The Blue Mass celebration brings together our community and those public safety professionals who serve and protect us each and every day. We welcome public safety personnel and their families to join with our community to hear a message of encouragement, hope, and God's love for all. This celebration honors those men and women who have given their lives in the performance of their vocation and those who faithfully serve each and every day," said Lebanon Police Chief, Jeffrey Mitchell, who regularly participates in the Blue Mass.

A blessing ceremony begins at 10:45 am for the attending members of police and fire departments, and the equipment they use in the line of duty. The equipment is located just outside the cathedral plaza on Plum Street. Following the blessing, officers and family members process into the cathedral behind a bagpiper and color guard.

At the end of the church service, names of safety personnel who have died this past year are read aloud. We would be especially honored to have the families of the deceased join us as we pray together for them and for one another.

Although the celebration takes place within the context of a Catholic Mass, individuals of all faiths are welcomed to attend and encouraged to participate with their families.

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