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Rev. Patrick McPolin, known to Chicago police as Father Pat, and Supt. James Conlisk watch from reviewing stand as policemen parade thru Loop.

Police March in Loop to St. Jude's Mass

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The streets of downtown Chicago, normally deserted on a Sunday morning, were swarming with policemen yesterday. The occasion was the 38th annual parade and communion mass and breakfast of the Chicago Police branch of St. Jude's league, named after the patron saint of difficult causes, the saint to whom policemen pray for protection.

More than 2,500 policemen marched down State street in a wave of blue that extended from Wacker drive to Madison drive to Madison street, where they turned west and marched into St. Peter's church, 110 W. Madison st., for the mass.

Sheriff's Men March

The marchers, in addition to Chicago policemen and policewomen, included members of the Cook county sheriff's police, secretary of state police, traffic crossing guards, and guards for armored express services.

From the freshest rookie to the most hardened veteran, they marched with the efficiency of military honor guardsmen.

With spotless uniforms and glistening silver and brass, they paraded past the reviewing stand.

It also was a day for nostalgia. Many long retired policemen met them at the church door, and Father Pat flew back from California to celebrate the mass. The Rev. Patrick J. McPolin was chap-

lain of the department for 17 years until he was reassigned to Los Angeles in 1965.

Doherty Leads Parade

Heading the parade was Terrence Doherty, deputy police superintendent, who has led it for the last 10 years. Marching in the front lines were Supt. James B. Conlisk Jr.; James M. Rochford, deputy police superintendent; Robert McCann, director of the police training academy and president of the St. Jude's league; Father McPolin; and the Rev. Donald Gaugush, the department's new Catholic chaplain.

Then came units of the Chicago Police American Legion post band, and Police posts of Amvets, and V. F. W., followed by marching dozens of police crossing guards.

Sheriff Joseph I. Woods led a contingent of his brown-uniformed police, and then came the blue-uniformed secretary of state police, followed by the contingent of guards for armored express services. Uniformed police led by their captains and lieutenants came next. Units of several hundred plain clothesmen marched by and then came the new recruits clad in khakis.

After the mass a breakfast was held in the Sherman House.

The police branch of the St. Jude's League was formed by the Rev. James Tort because many policemen visited the national shrine of St. Jude at 3208 E. 91st st.