



FATHER CAPODANNO GUILD



December 2019 - Chairman's Corner

Members – With Advent upon us and as we rapidly approach the end of 2019, our Guild Board of Directors wanted to thank you for your generous support of our Cause for Canonization of Father Vincent. We also wanted to share the results of Archbishop Broglio's visit to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome.

It seems that the work of our Postulator to review the acts of Father Vincent during his life on Earth is nearing completion. It is hoped that this will allow the Positio (the formal position) to be presented in early 2020 which will pave the way for approval of the Holy Father and a declaration of Heroic Virtue and bestow the title of "Venerable Servant of God."

To ready the Guild for this determination, the board is preparing a proposal to exhume Father Capodanno's remains (as required by the canonization process) and transfer to a suitable chapel (location to be designated by the Archbishop). The VERY rough estimate of cost is \$150,000. Add to this, the continuing expenses both locally and in Rome and our expenses will likely exceed \$200,000 over the next two years.

Because of your generosity, we have some of this money in the bank and we add several hundred dollars every week, but today's balance will not meet this future need – We ask each of you to prayerfully consider a gift. It is only through your continued generosity that we can successfully complete Father's Cause.

God bless and Merry Christmas
The Guild Board of Directors



Father Capodanno – Christmas 1966
He brought Jesus to his Marines with a passion for their souls.

Special Interest

One of the functions that Archbishop Broglio gave our Guild is to spread the word about our Servant of God, Father Vincent Capodanno. Meet Alice Cook, Vietnam Veteran, Nurse, rosary-maker, and devoted Guild Member who is actively spreading the word.

Alice has donated enough money to receive 225 copies of "Called and Chosen." She gives them to the veterans she meets at the VA Medical Center in Tucson while she is there for appointments and supplies a "stash" of them to the local Knights of Columbus to, "give to veterans or anyone interested about Father Vincent." In case you are wondering, with 225 DVDs Alice is the all-time distribution leader. The "second place" Guild member has received only 112 DVDs.

Growing up in a large family, she was the first to enter the military when she joined the Air Force after high school in 1972. She explained her reason, "I'm here to serve God

and my country.” She left the Air Force in 1976 and in the years that followed took advantage of the GI Bill and earned a degree in nursing.

Alice is also a rosary-maker who has distributed 75,000 rosaries in which, “the Blessed Virgin Mary has been instrumental.” She also feels a strong call to promote our “saintly” priests who are heroes for young men so Father Vincent fits into her ministry perfectly.

Alice shared with us that she recently visited the Mary Undoer of Knots Byzantine Catholic Shrine, Mount Lemmon, Arizona, and found Father Vincent at The Veterans’ Memorial located on the Ramada portion of the campus - you never know where you might encounter our Father Vincent!

Thank you, Alice, for your dedicated service to Father Vincent and to God and Country. May God Bless you in all your endeavors.

Presentations

Presentations continue at a rapid pace and we have presenters in several locations around the country. If you or your organization would like a presentation please contact Don Campbell at donald.b.campbell.jr@gmail.com

St. Petersburg, Florida

The Council of Catholic Women of St. Raphael Church hosted a presentation by two board members, George Phillips, and Linda Sargent, niece of Father Vincent. After the presentation, a guest with family in Gaeta recounted the dedication to Father Vincent exemplified by naming the Piazz di Capodanno for him. Just one of numerous examples of connections across the globe among individuals who knew Father Capodanno or may have learned about his service and sacrifice over the 50 years since he gave his life in Vietnam serving with the Marines.

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Burke, Virginia

The Church of the Nativity Heritage and Cultural Society hosted Mary Preece, Vice Postulator for Father’s Cause and board member George Phillips with over 100 attendees. Mary relates, “The group conducts a 50/50 raffle, and the intention was to present us with half the collection. The other recipient, whose son was killed in Iraq as an Army helicopter pilot, gifted the Guild with his winnings too.”

More George Phillips

George continued his “presentation streak” by speaking at Maryknoll in Ossining, NY and for Faith and Ale in Fort Myers, Fl. Both presentations were well attended and generated many questions about George’s battlefield experiences with Father Vincent. The Faith and Ale presentation alone garnered \$1500 for our Guild.

San Antonio, Texas



Henry Hernandez (2nd from right), Father Vincent’s Chaplain’s Assistant in Vietnam, attended a Veterans Retreat at the University of the Incarnate Word. Adriana Leal, Director, Center for Veterans Affairs stated, “We hope to continue retreats like these and spreading the word about Father Capodanno.”