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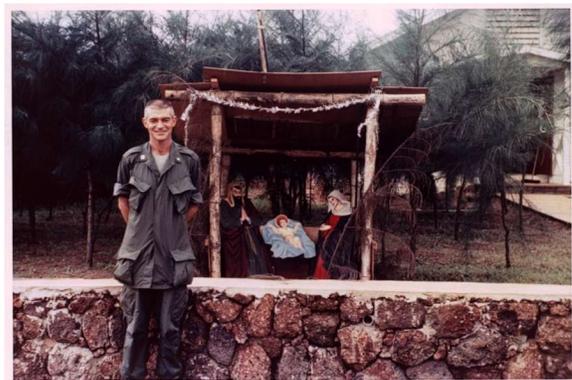
Members – I am writing to you in the last days before Thanksgiving and the start of Advent. With our large family, it is always a remarkably busy time for us but, busy in a good way – there are many small grandchildren feet running around our home. When I hear them, it is easy to recognize the incredible graces that God has poured out on our Church, Nation, and family. The most precious we celebrate at Christmas – the gift of Himself as Son. Even with all the excitement and joy of our grandchildren, I must admit that it has been more challenging to find peace this year. Our divisive political climate, COVID restrictions and unsettled race relations have stressed each of us. What a blessing that we have the Sacraments and our Servant of God, Father Vincent Capodanno, to turn to for comfort. Recall that one of Father Vincent's most praised qualities was his ability to listen and counsel his men in Vietnam. To shine light on this quality, we have pulled together several recent "favours received" testimonies. As you read them, I hope you agree with me that the stresses of today make even more apparent the fact that Father Vincent still hears and intercedes. I pray that you feel his presence too and give thanks.

God bless, Steve Stanley

Favors Received:

- A supporter and Vietnam Veteran who was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer in 2012 was not given much time to live (only about 5 percent survive for two years). He immediately started praying to Father Vincent. He is alive and fighting a recurrence of the cancer today. He is at peace.

- A registered nurse in NYC was assigned to work in an unsafe area of the city. She started praying to Father Vincent and was reassigned to a center on Staten Island's very own Father Capodanno Boulevard.
- A mother whose son had been hospitalized several times for severe clinical depression and attempted suicide received a Father Vincent prayer card in the mail. She started praying to Father Vincent. The week she began, her son had a complete change. The pediatrician and psychiatrist were astounded – literally an overnight change.
- A dying Vietnam Veteran in a VA hospital requested to see a priest but was repeatedly denied because of COVID. A friend started praying to Father Vincent to intercede and the VA gave permission. The Last Sacrament was given, and our Veteran passed peacefully.
- First generation Americans from Vietnam were getting married. The fiancé contracted COVID and was hospitalized. The family happened to see Father Capodanno's story on EWTN and requested prayer cards for the wedding party. The fiancé was granted a quick recovery.



Vietnam – Advent 1966

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Spreading the Word:

- On Veterans Day, Radio Maria (A Light in the World with Christine Rossi) hosted our Chairman, VADM (Ret.) Steve Stanley, for an interview about veterans and Father Vincent. Here is a link to the interview:

<https://www.capodannoguild.org/chairman-on-radio-maria/>

- One of our supporters had the opportunity to spread the word about Father Vincent to a friend with a severe kidney infection. When he presented Father's prayer card, the friend opened up with a story about how he had worked on the USS Capodanno (FF-1093) when it was in a maintenance period in Quincy, MA.



USS Capodanno (FF-1093) at sea

The friend started praying for Father's intercession and recovered quickly. Back at home he was cleaning out an old closet and this cap fell out. You never know where you will run into Father Vincent memories.



Quick notes:

- Rome update: COVID restrictions are still holding progress at bay but the good news is that things seem to be warming up - people are talking. Our next step is for the Theological Consultants to review the *Positio* (the formal position of Father Vincent's life works). God willing, they will find a way to move forward and recommend positive approval to the Holy Father. Please keep praying.

- As we look beyond the review of the *Positio* and assuming the Holy Father approves the "Decree of Venerability," we will face a major project as we prepare an appropriate room to accept Father Capodanno's earthly remains. We are considering a room next to the chapel in the Archdiocese for the Military Services, Edwin Cardinal O'Brien Pastoral Center. We have had our Vice Chairman, CAPT (Ret.) Don Campbell working on advance planning.

- Reminder: You can help us save money!! If you are getting this newsletter by snail mail and you use email, PLEASE contact Mary Preece (mpreece@milarch.org) and give her your email address. We will add you to our electronic distribution and save the cost of postage.

Need Christmas gift ideas? We are offering two Christmas specials:

- Father Capodanno Lithographs - The 9x12 version is still available for a minimum donation of \$40 but if you want two, the second is only \$30 more for a total minimum donation of \$70. These are high quality prints that you and the recipient are sure to love.

- *Called and Chosen*, our award-winning DVD about Father Capodanno is still available for a minimum of \$20 each. To spread Father's story even further, for your minimum donation of \$80 we will send you FIVE DVDs – that is five for the price of four.

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