



FATHER CAPODANNO GUILD



December 2022 - Chairman's Corner

Members – WE ARE MOVING FORWARD AGAIN but we STILL NEED YOUR HELP. Here is the situation. In November, Archbishop Broglio met with the Prefect of the of the Dicastery (formerly Congregation) for the Causes of Saints. The meeting was cordial and positive. It resulted in the Prefect giving us the opportunity to respond formally and provide additional information about Father Vincent's lifelong development of virtue and spirituality that led to the freely giving of his life on the battlefield. To complete this action, Archbishop Broglio will establish a new Historical Commission. The commission will have three members. They will conduct the research and assemble the documentation to support our new submission. As you might imagine, this is no small task, and it is critical that we complete it professionally. This is where we need your help. First, please pray that Archbishop Broglio will be guided as he establishes the commission. Second, please share any personal experiences you may have had with Father Vincent that unveil our loving Grunt Padre. Just write your experience and email it to Mary Preece at mpreece@milarch.org. We'll provide these to the commission for their use.

God bless, Steve Stanley

Paulist Productions:

Recently Paulist Productions reached out searching for any videos that captured Father Vincent in action. We found two that are of marginal quality but are viewable.

- [For Thou Art With Me - YouTube](#) – The Father Vincent clip is at about 3 minutes. It opens with Father in the back of a helicopter then transitions to Father having a dialog with Marines seated on the ground.
- [A Face of War \(1968\) – USMC, Vietnam War - YouTube](#) – The Father Vincent clip is at about 14

minutes and 30 seconds. He is celebrating Mass. Here is a transcript of his homily, *“Any little bit of joy or happiness that we have here is but a taste of the eternal happiness we are going to have in heaven. But in order to achieve that eternal life in heaven we must go through the process that we have come to call death. God has given us life and we should live it fully. Live it completely. Live it happily. God chooses the minute to call us back and uses various circumstances to achieve that. O Lord hear my prayer, grant us pardon and absolution and the remission of our sins. The Lord be with you and bring you to life everlasting. Amen.”* Isn't that beautiful? Simple and to the point. Exactly what his flock needed to hear but relevant to all of us today.

Merry Christmas and Buon Capodanno:

In Italian, Capodanno means “new year.” Each year on January 1st we welcome the new year, and at the same time are reminded of Father Capodanno's life and ministry. We focus on our resolve to honor Father Capodanno's memory and to continue our work in support of the Cause. Your donations help to spread the story of Father's life and his love of others. We continue to offer a (9x12) lithograph of Father Capodanno's portrait for a minimum donation of \$40. *Called and Chosen*, the award winning DVD about Father Capodanno, is available for a minimum of \$20 each. Your donations will help spread the word about Father's life even further. Please go to the website www.capodannoguild.org and specify your requests.

New Father Vincent Moments:

- A fly fisherman, whose parents went to high school with the teenage Vincent Capodanno, shared his connection to Father Vincent - here is a link <https://southerntierflyfisher.com/connections/> It is a beautiful retelling of Father Vincent's story

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but linked to the river he is fishing. How inspirational that Father Vincent is reaching out to shape another soul for heaven.

- Two boys suffered serious head injuries in a parking lot accident at a church in Florida. One of our Guild members was there and reached out to the families to offer prayer for Father Vincent's intercession. Turns out that one was named Vincent for our Grunt Padre - here is his photo.



- From a Marine who knew Father Vincent in Vietnam, *"....I was so impressed with his devotion and commitment to the Marines he served that I told my now wife that Fr Vince had to be at our wedding and told her that he was a saint and that going to confession to him gave a sense of confessing directly to Christ and was followed by a sense of calm and peace I had never experienced before. We knew Fr Vince was a special human being...."* Turns out that this supporter provides USS Capodanno (FF-1093) ball caps to friends and was at Mass when Cardinal Dolan caught sight of the hat and asked for one. It has been mailed so don't be surprised if you see his Eminence sporting the new chapeau soon.

The Vietnam Memorial:

One of the special remembrances for our men and women who died in Vietnam is the "Reading of the Names" an event organized by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund where every name is read

in the order that they appear on the wall. This year's event was on 7 November. Earlier, our Vice Postulator, Mary Preece, was at the wall getting a name rubbing of Father Vincent when she met our supporter, Ann Marie Emmet. Ann asked Mary to read 25 names (including Father Vincent's) during the event. As you can see from the photo, Father Vincent took care of the weather for Mary – it was beautiful.



So how else can you help now? – Simple ways:

1. Pray that our reenergized Cause will move forward quickly.
 2. Forward or share this newsletter with your family and friends. It's easy – PLEASE DO IT.
 3. Pray for Father Capodanno's intercession. This is how miracles start.
 4. Like and follow the Capodanno Guild on Facebook and Instagram.
 5. Tell your pastor about the Cause and ask to host a group presentation at your church, women's group, KofC Council, veteran's group, etc. We are happy to support – just connect us.
 6. Make a tax-deductible donation. We promise that we will protect your investment and spend it wisely. With your donation, don't forget to let us know what free gift and how many you would like. You may request a *Called and Chosen* DVD for each \$20 donated or a 9x12 lithograph of Father Capodanno for every \$40 donated.
- ***For assistance with any of these, please go to our website <https://www.capodannoguild.org/> or email Mary Preece at mpreece@milarch.org

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