



FATHER CAPODANNO GUILD



June 2021 - Chairman's Corner

Members – You know, after over 68 years on the “third rock from the Sun,” I should not be so easily surprised - two of the key players in our Cause are leaving. First is Monsignor Foster who has been Archbishop Broglio’s representative to our Guild. I have turned to him many times for guidance and help. His advice has always been accurate and insightful. We will certainly miss him and wish him all the best as he returns to his home Diocese of Stockton, CA. He is being replaced by Father Jeffrey Laible who is a chaplain Colonel in the Illinois Air National Guard. We welcome Father Laible and look forward to his new perspective. Second, we are losing our Rome Postulator, Dr. Ambrosi, to retirement. As the shepherd of our Cause in Rome, he has been intimately involved in all facets and will be challenging to replace. Archbishop Broglio is working hard to fill this critical position, and we are supporting his efforts. You know, I could be saddened by these critical losses but instead, I choose to believe that these challenges are part of God’s plan for our Cause and that these new paths will yield much fruit. So, for Monsignor Foster and Dr. Ambrosi, I offer the submariner’s version of the old sailor’s blessing, “Fair winds, and Seas on the beam.”

God bless, Steve Stanley

Mark your Calendars:

- Tuesday, 7 September 2021 at 1830 is Father Vincent’s Memorial Mass. It will be held in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Archbishop Broglio will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Last year, COVID prevented us from memorializing Father in a public Mass, so we are praying for an even larger celebration this year. We plan to televise the Mass on EWTN but hope that all of you who were denied last year will

choose to be with us in person this year. All are welcome but it will help our planning if you sign up using the registration form on our website. You do not have to sign up to attend.

- You may recall that there is another Catholic Chaplain and Medal of Honor Recipient who has an ongoing Cause for Canonization, Army Chaplain, Father Emil Kapaun, who died as a prisoner of war in Korea. Recently, the Father Kapaun Guild received some very welcome news, Father’s remains were identified in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (in Hawaii). A funeral service will occur on 29 September near Wichita, KS. I am sure additional details will be forthcoming, but Jean and I will try to attend.

Rome Update:

- We are prioritizing finding a replacement for our Postulator, but we need your help. To ensure that we make the best decision we will interview appropriate prospects. We ask for your prayers that Archbishop Broglio will be guided to pick the best shepherd for our Cause.

Spreading the Word:

- Our Young Audience Advisory Group has yielded some exceptional fruit. One of our advisors graduated from the Naval Academy in 2020, ENS Eric Cal. Eric is current pursuing his medical degree at UNC in Charlotte, NC. His local Parish is St. Mathew’s Catholic Church. Eric connected with the parish and set up a Father Vincent Capodanno presentation. He tag-teamed the presentation but what is most powerful is his personal story about how Father Vincent has affected his life and how his generation needs to step up for our faith. This is a strong example of Father Vincent’s continued involvement in our world. Here is the link to the presentation: <https://youtu.be/761iTLbY6NU>

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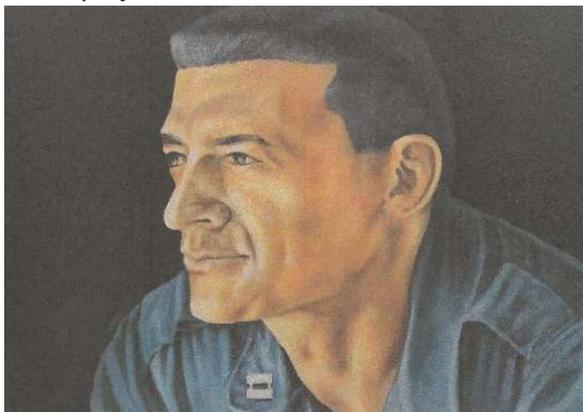
- Recently, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Spring Hill, FL established a memorial honoring fallen chaplains. They chose to specifically honor Father Vincent - a nice tribute for our Grunt Padre.



- An annual memorial prayer service was held at Father Vincent's gravesite over Memorial Day weekend. More than 50 people attended, and several local organizations were represented.



- One of our supporters who is an artist, Alexander Liccione, sent us some examples of his work. If you or your organization might be interested, please contact Mr. Liccione at usarmy39jal@aol.com.



- Recall that our previous Guild Chairman, George Phillips, was a Marine serving in Vietnam with Father Capodanno and fought in the battle where Father Vincent freely gave his life. George was invited back to the Veritas Catholic Network, The Front Line with Joe and Joe Show, and recounted what it was like on the battlefield. The interview is powerful, and it aired on Memorial Day. Here is a link: [Episode 12 - Captain George Phillips & Vice Admiral Steve Stanley \(podbean.com\)](#)
- Presentations are picking up, and we would love to do one for your organization too. We need your help to "open the door" then give the contact info to donald.b.campbell.jr@gmail.com. He'll work it.
- You can help us spread the word with quality gifts in return for your donation. Two are available: Our DVD, Called and Chosen, is available for a minimum donation of \$20 each (please let us know how many you want). Our 9x12 inch lithograph is available for a minimum donation of \$40 each. Make your donation at <https://www.capodannoguild.org/>.

Last Thoughts:

- Recall from our last newsletter the story of an incarcerated Veteran with a devotion to Father Vincent who struggled to admit his sin then, when a Priest visited the prison, our Veteran took advantage of the Sacrament of Penance and felt the joy of our Lord's forgiveness. Well, there is more to the story. Our veteran wrote a short paper telling of his experience, entitled it "The Sacrament" and sent it to our Holy Father. He received this response, "His Holiness Pope Francis has received your letter, and he has asked me to thank you. He appreciates the sentiments which prompted you to share your experience with him." Can you see the hand of Father Vincent in the salvation of our Veteran's soul? Surely, I do.
- A favor granted? Recently we heard from a pregnant supporter whose unborn child was diagnosed with pericardial effusion. They prayed to Father Vincent for intercession. Before birth, the effusion had disappeared but more than that, during birth, they found two large knots in the umbilical cord, but their baby was perfectly fine. He knows what we need before we ask....

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