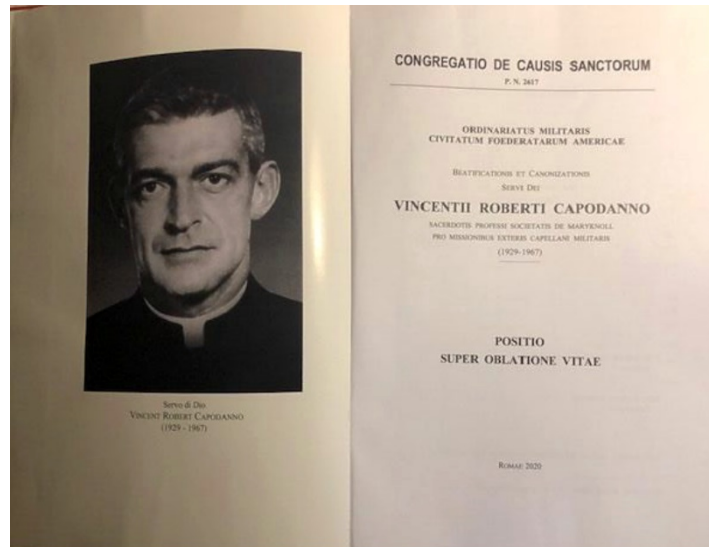
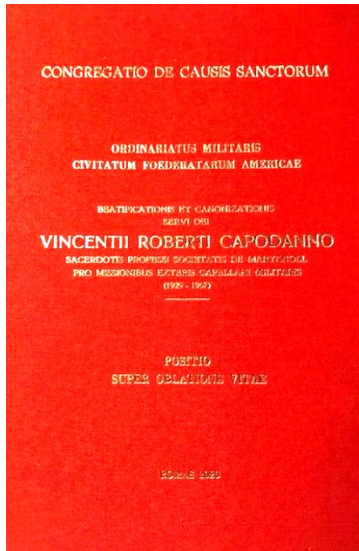




FATHER CAPODANNO GUILD



The Positio – Being Printed!!

March 2020 - Chairman's Corner

Members – We have great news!! Our postulator in Rome has completed his review of Father Vincent's life works and has finished writing the *Positio* (the formal position). The *Positio* is being printed and will be formally submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints soon. Hopefully, it will agree and recommend a declaration of "Heroic Virtue" and bestowal of the title "Venerable Servant of God" to Father Vincent by the Holy Father.

This stage of our Cause is nearing completion as is our 2020 Lenten journey. Father Vincent endured the battlefield and died because he cared so strongly for the souls of his Marines – a dim but true reflection of our Lord's death for all souls. In our humble opinion, the parallel is striking.

What's next? In Rome, it will be consideration of a miracle submitted by the Diocese of Palm Beach, FL. Locally, we need to push hard to get a Veneration Chapel ready. Board Member Don Campbell will be meeting with the AMS staff to further refine our estimate in mid-March, but we already know that making an appropriate chapel will be expensive. We will keep you informed as this important project progresses.

Please know that we would not be at this stage without your generous support and that we pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God Father Vincent Capodanno each day.

God bless your Lenten Journey,
The Guild Board of Directors

Special Interest

Recently a supporter shared a story about her brother and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Their parents had consecrated their children to the Sacred Heart of Jesus when they were babies, and they practiced the Nine First Friday's Devotion given to St. Margaret Mary.

In 1967, her brother was a U.S. Marine who landed in Vietnam on 21 Aug 1967 – two weeks before Father Vincent was killed (4 Sep 1967).

On the night of 21 Sep, only a month after her brother arrived in Vietnam, our supporter had a terrible dream that he was horribly wounded and all alone on a Vietnam battlefield. In her dream, she saw a Catholic chaplain run to help and comfort her brother. The chaplain said, "Don't worry, son, God is with us this good day."

As she woke from this awful nightmare, she called her father for comfort and found that he had experienced the same nightmare.

One week later, Marines came to the family home to tell them that her brother's entire unit had been killed. Her brother was the lone survivor but had subsequently died of his wounds. Marines who arrived and gave first aid to her brother reported that before he died, he asked them to, "please thank the Padre for helping me to die well." These Marines promised to honor his request but there were no Chaplains assigned to the unit or in the area – they did not know who the priest could be.

Years passed, and a friend sent our supporter a picture of a Navy Chaplain who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor – you guessed it – she recognized our Servant of God, Father Vincent Capodanno, as the priest from her dream.

Presentations:

As a primary responsibility, the Guild continues working to spread the word about our Servant of God, Father Vincent. We have given radio interviews, TV appearances, and over 100 presentations around the country.

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.

You have been fundamental to this effort, and we ask you to broaden your support. We have presenters ready and willing to bring Father's story to your parish or parish groups (such as the Knights of Columbus). If you can make the initial contact, we will follow up to finalize details. To get started, contact us via our website: www.capodannoguild.org

Quick notes:

- In order to make our Cause more accessible to a younger audience, Archbishop Broglio has approved an effort to establish a group of Naval Academy Midshipmen as "Guild Advisors." In this role, we hope to improve the participation of the younger generations in our Cause. We ask for your specific prayers in this effort.
- We completed the biennial election of Board of Director officers:
 - Chairman – Steve Stanley
 - Vice Chairman – Don Campbell
 - Treasurer – Bill Kirst
- The Archdiocese of New York announced that two Catholic elementary schools, St. Adalbert's School in Elm Park and Holy Rosary School in South Beach will merge to become the Father Vincent Capodanno Catholic Academy!!
- Several donors have given copies of the large, artist signed and numbered lithograph of Father Vincent to military chapels: Most recently, the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD and the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center in Newport, RI. It is just another way to spread the word, but we are running out of this limited-edition print. We have fewer than 20 left, and when those are gone . . . that's it!! They are available for a minimum donation of \$150.
- Additionally, we have the smaller 9x12 inch version of the lithograph available for a minimum donation of \$40 and the award-winning DVD, "Called and Chosen" available for minimum donations of \$20. Just go to our website, www.capodannoguild.org, make your donation, and let us know what free gift you would like.