



FATHER CAPODANNO GUILD



September 2022 - Chairman's Corner

Members – Recall that in our last newsletter, we discussed our initial understanding of the Theological Consultant's review of Father Vincent's Positio and asked that you, "...hold on tight – we need your prayers even more now." Well judging by the response, you did just that and, it seems to me that our prayers are being heard. There are many things that I can point to, but principal are the new people who are sharing their personal experiences with our Grunt Padre. These form new testimonies that increase the volume of documentation that we can draw on to show both his sanctity and the free giving of his life. I would also highlight Archbishop Broglio's succinct and pointed homily at our memorial Mass for the repose of Father Vincent's soul. But no matter the specifics that I point to, know that God is in charge and we pray for His will to be done. Please keep praying.....

God bless, Steve Stanley

Memorial Mass – 6 September:

How can I describe this Mass other than to say it was beautiful and did I mention that the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Milley, was with us?



If you were not able to attend or watch on EWTN, here are two links:

- Archbishop Broglio's homily text:
<https://files.milarch.org/archbishop/abp-homily-annual-father-capodanno-memorial-mass-2022.pdf>
- Video of the Mass:
<https://www.capodannoguild.org/annual-mass/>

I encourage you to read the text then watch the video and if you want to skip ahead to the homily, it starts at about minute 25 of the video. It is powerful but, let me highlight a specific quote from the homily: *"....Father Capodanno obviously understood that truth. He knew the risks when he in "persona Christi" brought the anointing of the sick, heard confessions, and offered that profound consolation to men facing death. How many of them chose to be there? Were they drafted? His was ministry to men in need, anxious, and uncertain about what the future held. He chose to be there! Only a man who firmly believed in eternal life could face a hail of bullets unarmed with no other purpose than to serve. Only a man profoundly committed to a life for others would have been there.*

"For this reason, we honor his memory, but more importantly we want to make his unique contribution of giving his life for others known. The long process involved with his Cause for Canonization adds nothing to his reward, but it is useful for others. It is a vivid testimony to the truth about eternal life. It shows us what it means to give life. It was the response of a faithful missionary disciple who put himself where others needed him— regardless of the cost...."

I find this so powerful. In just two paragraphs, his Excellency highlights both the purpose of Father Vincent's death (*life for others*) and the reason for our Cause (*to make his unique contribution of*

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giving his life for others known). Some of you may wonder why I remain so optimistic about our Cause. The answer is simple, I know Archbishop Broglio and through him Dr. Gori – I am confident in their skill and commitment.

Press Reporting:

Too often in an attempt to quickly help, news reporting is less than accurate. We experienced this digital age reality after our last newsletter but isn't God's plan more amazing than ours? In all of this fervor, we received numerous new requests to become Guild members. Now we are stronger.

Status of the Cause:

Archbishop Broglio continues to work with our postulator, Dr. Gori, to develop our way forward. This is still evolving, but we understand that he will soon be traveling to Rome to address specific concerns and make his requests to move beyond this impasse. I feel confident that these meetings will move us in the right direction - as so many of you have commented, we are on solid ground.

New Testimony:

We have heard from numerous people but let me highlight three:

- "I am a 75-year-old Australian combat veteran who fought in Vietnam in 1969. I am a practicing Catholic and have been praying to Father Vincent from the day I found out about him and his courageous deeds - about 20 years now. Please rest assured that I will continue to pray to him seeking his help to get me through this vale of tears and now, I will also beg the Heavenly Father to bring his cause to a just conclusion, one which will bring comfort to all veterans of that "unwinnable war" who are aware of this extraordinary priest who gave his life for his 'mates', the souls in his care."
- "....As one who served in the armed forces 65 years ago....I do not let one day or one night pass without invoking his intercession. I feel his presence. His very picture speaks of heroism and sainthood. Whatever happens in Rome nowadays is of little import to me. I know for certain that Father Capodanno is helping all of us. We need only ask his intercession...."
- "....13 years ago, when my infant great niece was diagnosed with a life-threatening ultra-genetic

disease, I started praying to Father Capodanno for his intercession. She was one of the first people (also, one of the first infants) in the world to receive an experimental medication. She is now an active teen, receiving the medication, enjoying life, family, and friends. I will continue to ask for Fr. Capodanno's intercession...."

Christmas Gift Specials:

It's never too early to start working on your Christmas gift list. To help, we offer two specials:

- Father Capodanno portrait (9x12) lithographs will be available for a minimum donation of \$40, but if you would like two (2) lithographs, the second will be only \$30 more for a minimum donation of \$70. These are very high-quality prints that you and your recipients will treasure and enjoy.
- *Called and Chosen*, the award winning DVD about Father Capodanno, is available for a minimum donation of \$20 each. To spread the story of Father Capodanno's life even further, we offer five (5) DVDs for a minimum donation of \$80.

To make your donations, please go to www.capodannoguild.org and specify your requests for the 9x12 print, or DVD, and include the quantity you would like.

So how 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. Also, with your donation, don't forget to let us know if you would like a *Called and Chosen* DVD or a 9x12 lithograph of Father Capodanno and the quantity you would like.

***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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