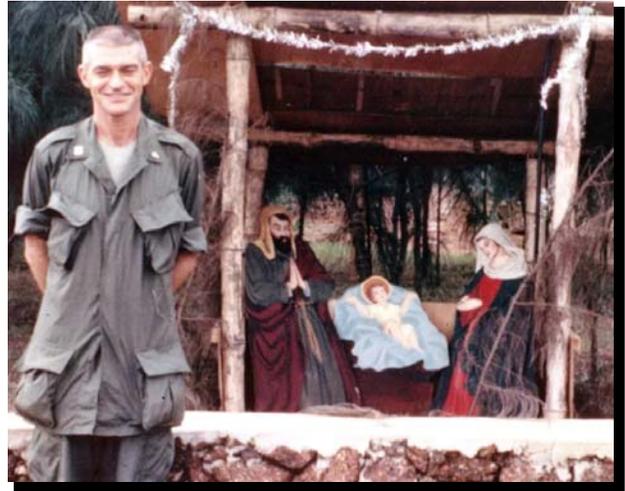


## Father Capodanno Guild Newsletter

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Dear Friends of the Cause for Father Vincent R. Capodanno's Canonization:

As the Christmas Season approaches, we reflect on the powerful meaning in Emmanuel - *"God with us."* We recall Father Capodanno's own words to his beloved Marines, *"God is with us all this day,"* and our hearts fill with gratitude and appreciation for God with us in this holy Cause, clearly demonstrated by your continued prayers and support. There are now over 1200 national and international supporters, whose daily sacrifices actively advance the Cause. So, it is with great joy that we share some recent news and invitations to up-coming celebrations in honor of Father Vincent Capodanno.



Christmas 1966: Fr. Capodanno, Crèche at Chu Lai Post

- **Guild Presentations** - The Guild continues to receive requests for information about Father Vincent's faith-filled life from Holy Name Societies, Knights of Columbus, and Marine Corps Leagues across the country. Currently, presentations are being delivered by George Phillips, Father Capodanno Guild Chairman, with plans for broadening the Guild's base of presenters.
- **Veterans Day, November 2016** – Father Capodanno Guild Chairman, George Phillips, was interviewed about Father Capodanno by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, for a spot on the Cardinal's special *"Conversation with Cardinal Dolan"* program, aired on SiriusXM radio and television on Veteran's Day.
- **Video documentary of Father Vincent's Life** - Our last newsletter contained production updates on an hour-long film, jointly underwritten by the Father Vincent Capodanno Guild and Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), produced by award-winning filmmaker, James C. Kelty. Although provisions were made to travel to Vietnam and shoot footage on the anniversary of Father's death; at the eleventh hour, the government of Vietnam withdrew approval for the visit. Disappointed, we saw this setback as an opportunity to reassess the production scope and our goals. Unable to return to the "Knoll" where Father gave his life, we discussed the possibility of including a reenactment of that fatal day in the film. Considering the volume of quality material already filmed, a decision was made to weave several brief reenactments throughout the documentary, and to change the format from a one-hour video to a three-part mini-series. This shift will require additional work and time, delaying the release to align with the fiftieth anniversary of Father's death on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. So, disappointment has turned into excitement, as we prepare for the release of an even more informative film, at a most appropriate time.

- **Sunday, May 21, 2017 - Memorial Day Mass, Closing of the Diocesan Phase** - The process of instructing the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God, Father Vincent Capodanno, MM is once again moving forward. There were some disappointing administrative issues that slowed the process to a crawl, and prevented the closing from taking place this year. Thankfully, the issues have been resolved; although there is still much to be done. Transcriptions of the interviews are being put into presentation form for the Congregation. The Historical Commission's biography of Father Capodanno has been completed, and all of the reference material is ready to be sent to Rome. Other materials related to Father's life of extraordinary virtue are being collected. The final stage of the process will be to index and make three copies of all materials for the Congregation, with the official closing of the diocesan phase scheduled to take place at the Memorial Mass of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. We thank God for all who are working hard to bring the diocesan phase to a conclusion.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017 - Memorial Anniversary Mass** - Archbishop Timothy Broglio will celebrate a Memorial Mass commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the heroic death of Father Vincent Capodanno. More specific details concerning this special event will be available in the next newsletter.

In light of the production costs for the new video, and to support the Tribunal as it moves through the next phase of inquiry, your continued prayers, on-line and mail-in donations, and active support by sharing Father Capodanno's story remain critical for the advancement of this worthy Cause.

Thank you again for your ongoing commitments.

*May Our Lord and His Servant Vincent Capodanno watch over you always.*