

July 7, 2014

Dear Supporters of the Cause for Father Vincent Capodanno's Canonization:

**We are moving forward:**

- **Guild and Board Established:** The Father Vincent Capodanno Guild and its Board of Directors (enclosure) has been established by the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. The Guild exists to promote the Cause of Canonization of Father Vincent Capodanno.
- **Investigation of possible Miracles initiated:** The Archdiocese has secured the services of Dr. Andrea Ambrosi, an experienced and recognized canon lawyer, who is leading the investigation. The collection and assembly of evidence will eventually be presented to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome.
- **Secret Tribunal deliberations required:** Canon law requires that a body of tribunal officials assigned by Archbishop Broglio conduct deliberations in secret. To support these deliberations, Archbishop Broglio has appointed a Historical Commission to assemble the life story of Father Capodanno and a Theological Commission to evaluate his correspondence and other writings for doctrinal accuracy.
- **Testimonies gathered:** The Episcopal Delegate and Promoter of Justice continue gathering testimonies from Capodanno Family members, Staten Island neighbors and friends, Maryknollers and Marines — all who personally knew the Servant of God.

**As a supporter, you are a member of the Guild.** Additionally, those who support the Guild with a contribution of \$200 annually are Members of the Father Vincent Capodanno Circle, and those who donate \$2000 or more will be honorary Board Members eligible to attend board meetings.

**Father Capodanno Guild website is launched.** The Capodanno Guild website ([www.CapodannoGuild.org](http://www.CapodannoGuild.org)) provides valuable information about the Servant of God, his Cause for Canonization, and the Guild's activities.

**We need your continued support:** All of these activities require fiscal resources; it is only with your prayers and contributions that this worthy cause will progress. Father Capodanno has already been recognized with our Nation's highest military award for heroism — The Medal of Honor. Please continue your prayerful support and monetary contributions — either by using the enclosed card or online at [www.CapodannoGuild.org/donate](http://www.CapodannoGuild.org/donate) — that he might be recognized as a Saint and inspire believers everywhere.

**You are invited:** The annual Memorial Mass for Father Capodanno will occur at 6:30 PM on Thursday, September 4, 2014, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, with His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, as the main celebrant. RSVP to [mpreece@milarch.org](mailto:mpreece@milarch.org) or 202-719-3642.

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

Sincerely,

George Phillips  
Chairman

Mary E. Preece  
Vice Postulator

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