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

This letter will update you on the various actions and recent events associated with the advancement of Father Capodanno's Cause for Canonization. The number of events and varied recognition of this truly Holy Servant of God continue to increase rapidly and are a great tribute to his legacy.

The tribunal has continued its work in completing interviews and documenting Father Capodanno's life. All of the overseas interviews in Taiwan, Vietnam and San Antonio have been completed. Approximately nine interviews remain in the Southeast and Northeast of the United States. Once the interviews are complete, the task of preparing the package for the Congregation for the Cause of Saints in Rome can be wrapped up. Donations are critical to continue to fund these efforts to move forward and not have any delay in the process.

The Chapel at TBS (The Basic School) at Marine Corps Base, Quantico is dedicated to Father Capodanno. A ceremony was held there on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, 2014 for an unveiling of Father Capodanno's Medal of Honor, which was donated by his family to the chapel community there to be its final resting place. A video of the ceremony and commentary during the event is located at the following web site. <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/382334/grunt-padre-tbs-honored-with-capodannos-medal-honor#.VTfwsE1FDnP>. This web site also contains videos providing an update on the Servant of God and a Wreath Laying dedication in his family's hometown in Gaeta, Italy.

The Maryknoll Society has created an exhibit in its Maryknoll Museum of the Living Mission for "The Maryknoll Society's Causes for Beatification and Canonization" that will be on display through 31 May. Father Capodanno is one of the four Society members highlighted in the exhibit.

Two recent events have provided additional exposure. February 12-14 was the Mid-Atlantic Congress for Catholic Leaders hosted by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The Guild received an invitation to participate in the vendor area to provide information about Father Capodanno and the Cause. Sharing an information booth with the Archdiocese for the Military Services provided valuable exposure. Another significant opportunity resulted from the Diocese of Scranton offering the Guild representation at its first Annual Men's Conference on 25 April. The theme of the conference was "Being the man God created you to be," and I can think of no better example than Father Capodanno. The Diocese exceeded its greatest expectations, and having over 750 men in attendance at the conference. The well received message of Father Capodanno's example and his Cause for Sainthood accounted for many positive comments.

We have received many other instances that Father Capodanno's Cause remains visible and vibrant. Some of these include:

-Holy Name of Jesus Parish- Knights of Columbus in Harrisburg, PA, conducts a living rosary twice a year supported by the Father Vincent Capodanno Assembly. They also have a display about Father Capodanno at all of their Friday Lenten Fish Fries.

-A veterans group of the 3rd Battalion-5<sup>th</sup> Regiment USMC will be meeting in May and honoring Sgt. John Carota of Milton, MA. He was killed the same day as Father Capodanno. Father Capodanno will be honored during the same ceremony.

-Sister Elizabeth Ann, Principal of Saint Joseph Academy in Walton, KY, will be giving a presentation to high school students this summer on Father Capodanno.

-The Respect for Life Committee at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ogden UT, screened the documentary "The Grunt Padre" as an example of commitment and sacrifice.

These and many other examples continue to arrive daily as testimony to Father Capodanno and his contribution to the Catholic Church.

Use of the Guild's website and Facebook page has continued to increase. Since last September 334 on-line donations have been received, and the site has had 437 visits in the last 30 days. Use of these two media have increased the profile of the Cause and provided greater access to information about Father Capodanno and the Guild.

Additionally, we have decided to take a major step forward by beginning an effort to produce a new documentary on the life of Father Capodanno, with information about the Cause and its purpose and will update the original video. We will begin this project as we enter into the summer months. This is a major effort, and your continued support is essential.

Upcoming events include the annual Memorial Mass celebrated at the Crypt Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Concept on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September at 6:30 PM and the annual memorial Mass at the chapel at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, NY, that bears his name, on 6 September 2015.

Your continued prayers, donations, and support are critical to the advancement of this Cause for Father Capodanno's Canonization. May Our Lord and His Servant Vincent Capodanno watch over you always.