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

In his homily at last September's Memorial Mass for Father Capodanno, Archbishop Timothy Broglio stated, "Indeed, the process for his canonization continues, but not because it will do something for him, but because it will do something for us...It is merely the determination that the Servant of God Vincent Capodanno enjoys the homeland for which we are all on a pilgrimage. It is a declaration by the Church to say that this man is indeed worthy of imitation. He will show the path to life everlasting as he did while he walked this earth. The canonization is for us."

To be sure, Father Capodanno serves as that Christian witness, for he recognized his worldly role in what he was doing and where he was going. It is because Father Capodanno chose to practice a life of virtue, service and sacrifice that so many people continue to respect his willingness to do the right thing despite adversity, suffering and ultimately death. As one of our most dedicated supporters wrote recently, "What better patron can we have than a Catholic chaplain who was awarded the Medal of Honor while giving up his life for fellow members of the military?"

During the recent national campaign for religious liberty, Fortnight for Freedom, the Archdiocese of Washington chose to profile Father Capodanno in one of its video segments, "Catholic Soldiers and Catholic Chaplain. In illustrating that Catholics priests have served in every conflict in American history while ministering to our service men and women, Father Capodanno's heroic dedication to the Marines in Vietnam is particularly significant as he gave his life to protect freedom. The link for this meaningful tribute is:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYnKMJMq9W0&feature=youtu.be>

Once again the annual Memorial Mass for Father Capodanno will occur at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, the 45th anniversary of his death. This event will occur at 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, Archbishop for the Military Services, as the main celebrant. To ensure sufficient seating if you will attend, **please contact me at the phone number or email address below.**

Since last summer's update, several significant advancements have occurred in the Cause for Father Capodanno's Canonization:

- The Promoter of Justice, Monsignor Thomas Olszyk, has interviewed family members, friends, fellow Maryknollers, and Marines who personally attested to the heroic virtues of Servant of God Vincent Capodanno.
- Theological censors have reviewed his writings, a required phase almost completed.
- Several historical experts will soon examine all written material about Father Capodanno.
- Investigations have begun into possible miracles attributed to Father Capodanno's intercession.

Progress of the mandatory elements of the Cause is encouraging, but equally heartening are the eloquent and touching testimonies from supporters' correspondence. Descriptions attributing his intercession include: "I am so grateful to God and to our dear Father Vincent that the ultrasound showed no recurrence of cancer;" "I know we are on the right track, and she will soon be able to work due to this prayer to Father Vincent;" "We have been to grateful for Father Capodanno's help in the deliveries of our two grandsons, Joseph Vincent and John Paul;" "the prayer card brought our family so much comfort during my husband's illness;" "After "pestering Father Capodanno five or six times a day, I believe the cure was due to his intercession.;" "He never fails;" "He has come through for me in many ways." Such testimony corroborates the reputation of intercessory power and is the opinion that has spread among the faithful about the graces and favors received from God through the intercession of the Servant of God Vincent Capodanno. His eventual canonization truly is for us!

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

Sincerely,

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