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

I would like to update you on the various actions and recent events associated with the advancement of Father Capodanno's Cause for Canonization. It has been a busy year, and hopefully it will get busier as the Cause "picks up steam".

On the documentation front, steady progress continues to be made. Donations are critical to fund the efforts of the Postulator as he investigates Father Capodanno's possible miracles and assembles the required documentation for submission. Support is also required for the Episcopal Delegate and the Promoter of Justice as they continue gathering testimonies from Capodanno Family members, Staten Island neighbors and friends, Maryknollers, and Marines – all who personally knew this Servant of God. To date, we have interviewed witnesses who knew Father Capodanno as a Maryknoll seminarian and missionary in Taiwan. We have interviewed witnesses when he was in a Maryknoll parish on the Big Island and on Oahu, Hawaii. We have also interviewed Marines who were in Viet Nam with Father Capodanno, some of whom were in the battle in which he was killed. We have also interviewed members of his family who knew him all of his life. The questions we ask are divided into periods of his life. We already have some testimony about all of them: his birth and family, his youth and adolescence, his path to the priesthood, his priestly ministry as a Maryknoll missionary, his priestly ministry as a Navy Chaplain, and his ministry in Viet Nam and in the battle in which he lost his life.

The Guild's website was activated on July 1 of this year. On September 4 there had already been 543 website visits with 14 donations. In the month of September, that number more than doubled with 670 visits by the end of the month. To date, 17 donations have been received through the website and the number continues to grow. Additionally, the Guild's Facebook page has also received 58 "likes" since its creation in early May this year. We continue to utilize all relevant social media platforms to publicize this important effort for the Cause for Canonization.

On September 4, two events were held to commemorate the date of Father Capodanno's passing. The first was a prayer service held at the Vietnam War Memorial by the Knights of Columbus assembly from Harrisburg, PA. The service was conducted by Father Paul Clark from St. Matthew Parish, Dauphin. The second event was a memorial mass, celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Broglio in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. During the Mass, the wine was consecrated in a chalice that once belonged to Father Capodanno. The Mass was very well attended and was televised by EWTN. In addition, the 47<sup>th</sup> annual Mass held in honor of Father Capodanno was celebrated on Sunday,

Sept. 7 in the chapel at Fort Wadsworth that bears his name. Further recognition of this Servant of God is being provided by Fordham University where he was recently inducted into their Hall of Honor.

Members of the Guild continue to employ many forms of outreach to raise the awareness of the Cause and request support for this noble effort. Recently, letters were sent to prospective donors and to all Navy Catholic Chaplains to request their assistance in spreading the word about the Cause and solicit contributions. In addition, presentations by Guild members to local parishes have actively increased awareness as well as the volume of prayers and requests for intercessions. In at least two parishes, reports of significant intercessions and healings are being attributed to Father Capodanno. The veracity of these reports is being investigated as it could further validate the Cause for Canonization.

As the efforts of the Guild continue to build, additional opportunities are becoming available to further spread the word. Presentations are currently scheduled during a Veteran's Day event in Fairfax, VA, at a Knight's of Columbus meeting; at a Testament to the Men's Group at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Hopkinton, MA on November 19; and at the First Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton on April 25, 2015. Requests of support for events in your area may be made to Mary Preece, Vice Postulator for the Cause, AMS, by calling 202-719-3642 or email [mpreece@milarch.org](mailto:mpreece@milarch.org).

As awareness and advocacy of this Cause continues to grow, we will do our best to communicate the latest status of the submission as well as the schedule of upcoming events. 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.