



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

Many exciting initiatives are underway to continue the recognition of the Holy Servant of God, Father Vincent Capodanno. Please ensure that you set aside the 6th of September as the date of the next Memorial Mass for Father Capodanno to be held in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Is Servant of God, Father Vincent Capodanno - A Saint? The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines a saint as "The holy one who leads a life in union with God through the grace of Christ and receives the reward of eternal life." Father Capodanno died on a battlefield in Viet Nam because he chose to continue to minister to wounded and dying Marines at the risk of losing his own life. He literally gave up his life for his brothers that day --September 4, 1967—it is almost 49 years ago. The tribunal has completed its interviews of his family, fellow Maryknoll priests and the Marines who knew Father Capodanno during his service as a chaplain in Vietnam. The interviews are being transcribed and will be sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican. Story after story attests to the fact that Father Capodanno was a priest who lived a heroically virtuous life. He touched people's hearts by the quality of his words in sermons or through private conversations. Even in seemingly hopeless situations, Father Capodanno brought hope and consolation. Upon verification of his heroic life and a miracle attributed to his intercession, he will be a candidate for Beatification.

The Father Vincent Capodanno Guild has enlisted the services of two new admirers of "The Grunt Padre." Christine and Tony Newpower are taking the lead in promoting the Cause on the West Coast. Married for 24 years with three children, they live in San Diego, CA. Like Father Capodanno, Tony's uncle was a Maryknoll priest. The Newpowers have volunteered to promote the Cause through the distribution of literature throughout the parishes within the diocese of San Diego, to Knights of Columbus groups, women's Altar Societies, Catholic Youth Groups and police confraternities in the Southern California area.

The Guild Board members have made numerous presentations to various groups including Holy Name Societies, Knights of Columbus, and Marine Corps Leagues. These presentations have informed the members of the Cause for Canonization for Father Vincent Capodanno – Servant of God – and the donations from these groups have helped enable our work. Many more presentations are already scheduled for upcoming months.

The website continues to be visited on a regular basis and a major source of on-line donations. Plans are underway to improve the hosting of the website to include a new/better look and functionality that should be implemented by Fall 2016. A key feature being developed will be the ability to request an electronic copy of this newsletter through a new signup tool. Our on-line presence continues to provide great visibility to Father Capodanno and the Cause for his Canonization.



Additionally, an audio version of Father Daniel Mode's book, [The Grunt Padre](#), has been recorded, and this additional medium of Father Capodanno's biography will soon be available in audio form for distribution. Check the Guild website for details to obtain it.

Although visibility for Father Capodanno's Cause for Canonization continues to increase, our Board of Directors has decided to move forward with development of a video documentary in cooperation with EWTN. The introductory letter contains additional details, and we ask you to prayerfully read it because your donations are critical for the success of this important initiative.

The Memorial Mass for Father Capodanno in early September 2017 will mark the 50th year since his heroic death. Typically this event occurs in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, DC. However, due to the significance of the 50th anniversary, we anticipate a larger than usual attendance. To ensure sufficient seating, please contact Mary Preece: mpreece@milarch.org.

Your continued prayers, donations and support are critical for the advancement of this Cause, especially in light of the development of the new video, and the continued efforts of the Tribunal to document the Cause. May Our Lord and His Servant Vincent Capodanno watch over you always.