



# FATHER CAPODANNO GUILD



## September 2024 - Chairman's Corner

Friends – What an amazing few months! Our new website has launched, and we are offering three new products – two challenge coins and a larger version of our lithograph which is more suitable for public display. In addition, you can now stream our documentary, *Called and Chosen*, from the website. In Rome, our postulator, Dr. Gori, continues to work with the Dicastery to answer questions they posed in May 2022. We celebrated the annual memorial Mass for Father Vincent on the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death to an overflow crowd in the Crypt Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. And, when we look beyond our Guild, our Church held the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis – where over 60 thousand people celebrated the True Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. Jean and I were able to attend, and I kept thinking of how Father Vincent celebrated Mass in remote and very humble settings in Vietnam – a stark contrast to the Eucharistic Congress but the same Real Presence. I felt certain that Father Vincent was looking down with smiling eyes as our Lord was adored.

God bless, Steve Stanley

**Eucharistic Congress:** More than 100 U.S. Military affiliated Catholics participated with Archbishop Broglio and Auxiliary Bishops Buckon and Coffey. Staff participants manned a booth that included information about Father Vincent. Here is a photo of our military contingent after Archbishop Broglio's Mass at Marian University.



## Father Vincent Memorial Mass:

An amazing crowd - the Archdiocese staff was setting up folding chairs in the back. Three large groups contributed:

- The Naval Academy Catholic Midshipmen Club.



- The Father Capodanno High School senior class from Vass, NC where, notably, the students are known as "Grunts" in honor of our Grunt Padre.



- The Catholic Chapel - Joint Base Langley-Eustis.



But what made the Mass so special was Archbishop Broglio's homily. His homily starts at about minute 25 in this link: [MASS FOR SERVANT OF GOD, FATHER VINCENT CAPODANNO - 1800-01-01 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MASS-FOR-SERVANT-OF-GOD-FATHER-VINCENT-CAPODANNO-1800-01-01) Archbishop Broglio drew from the Gospel reading when Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, and she immediately got up to serve the apostles. The archbishop pointed out that she recognized that we are gifted for service and that "....Gifts and talents are received to be shared with others, to be used to build up the body of Christ, and to grow."

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### **Father Vincent Memorial Mass (Continued):**

Isn't that a perfect description of Father Vincent? He was gifted with unique talents and strong devotion to his flock, and he freely gave from those gifts everything – even his life - for the eternal salvation of the men he served.

### **Spreading the word about Father Vincent**

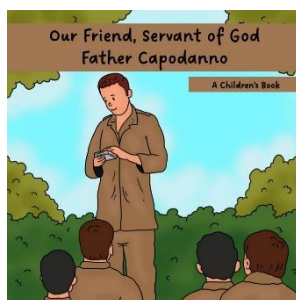
- One of our USNA Catholic Midshipmen Club graduates who is currently serving in Okinawa with the Third MEF, 1stLt Xiaojiao Hall, hosted a *Called and Chosen* watch party for her Bible study.



- At sunrise on the anniversary of his death, the USNA Catholic Midshipmen club hosted a workout in honor of Father Vincent.



- One of our supporters, has been working with Amici Santi to produce a children's book on the life of Father Vincent. It is very nicely done and can be purchased on Amazon. Here is a link: <https://a.co/d/0fGb8R7>
- A Vietnam Veteran and supporter has come up with a new way to spread the word. While wearing a Purple Heart ball cap, people come up to him and thank him for his service. He replies by handing them a Father Vincent prayer card. That simple action often turns into a brief discussion about Father's story.



- Here is a recent interview conducted by Taylor Henry of the Archdiocese for the Military Services and given by Steve Stanley. The link: [Catholic Military Life](#)
- There were numerous presentations over the last few months, and all were well received. Of note, one of the presentations was conducted over ZOOM, it worked great, and we would like to expand this opportunity. If you would like a presentation about Father Capodanno and his life of heroic virtue, just send us a request through the website or reach out directly to Don Campbell, [donald.b.campbell.jr@gmail.com](mailto:donald.b.campbell.jr@gmail.com). We try to provide the presentation in person; however, if we don't have a presenter available in your area, we can present via ZOOM. If you are interested, we would be happy to work with you.

**New Website:** You must see this - the only thing that is the same is our website address:

<https://www.capodannoguild.org/> Be sure to check out our new products:



The smaller Challenge Coin is 1.5 inches and the larger is 2 inches in diameter. They are \$10 each. The new lithograph image is 15X22 inches (better suited for public display) and it is \$75. All other products continue to be available: the *Called and Chosen* DVD, 9X12 inch lithograph and prayer cards.

### **Mark your calendars:**

- Next year's Memorial Mass for Father Vincent will be on Thursday, 4 September 2025. It will be at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception again.
- Father Rodrigo Ulloa, a Maryknoll Priest, will be celebrating Mass at Freedom Chapel at Lackland AFB, TX on Sunday, 6 October. He will be speaking about Father Capodanno during the Mass.

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