



FATHER CAPODANNO GUILD



March 2025 - Chairman's Corner

Friends – Here we are in the middle of Lent with prayer, fasting and almsgiving occupying our preparations for Easter, our most precious Solemnity. You know, when I reflect on our Lord's passion and death, I can't help but think about Father Vincent's self-donative death – the parallels are striking. Although Father Vincent's sacrifice was only a dim reflection of our Lord's, both deaths were fundamentally for the salvation of souls. For our Lord, His death was for everyone. For Father Vincent, his death was for the men he was ministering to on the battlefield – no one else present could provide the necessary sacrament for their salvation but maybe most impressive was the fact that nothing, not his wounds nor even the battle raging around him could stop Father Vincent from helping them. He freely gave all that he had to give.



May our Lord and His Servant, Father Vincent Capodanno be with you on your Lenten journey and in a special way on Easter.

God bless, Steve Stanley

Rome Status: Work continues with our Postulator, Dr. Gori, dialoging with the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints to move our May 2024 submission forward. As you may recall Dr. Gori is also the postulator for the Causes of Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, and Father Emil Kapaun, the Army Chaplain and Medal of Honor recipient who died as a prisoner of war in North Korea. With Dr. Gori's hard work, both Causes have taken another significant step forward. Carlo Acutis' canonization is scheduled for 27 April 2025 and Father Kapaun was recently declared a Venerable Servant of God. As you can see, we have an exceptional postulator. The recent progression of the Causes of Carlos Acutis and Father Kapaun is positive. We are hoping to report more substantially on the progress of Father Capodanno's Cause soon. Please pray for Dr. Gori as he pursues our Cause.

We got Hacked:

Most of you know that the application we use to send email got hacked and a fraudulent email was sent. Fortunately, it was pretty obvious that it was a scam, but we were aggressive in spreading the word to minimize potential damage. Actions have been completed, and we are back in business. That said, God can turn even bad things to good. Here is a quote from one of our supporters who met Father Vincent in Chu Lai, "Thanks for the alert. But it actually encouraged me to go to the website and I ordered one of the challenge coins. So, it was good for something. 😊" Maybe you should follow this good example and visit our website too.

Spreading the word about Father Vincent

- Here is an interview from Guadalupe Radio Morning Joy program given by Steve Stanley. [Guadalupe Radio Morning Joy Interview](#)
- Recently the That Man Is You – Paradisus Dei organization interviewed Father Mode. Recall that Father Mode is the author of Father Vincent's biography, The Grunt Padre. Father Mode discusses how important it is to have a

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saint for a friend, and you guessed it, his saintly friend is our Padre. Here is the link:
<https://vimeo.com/1036538410/6e447625a5?share=copu>

- **Presentations:** You can help us spread the word about Father Vincent and his life of heroic virtue. Please consider sponsoring a presentation at your parish or Knights of Columbus Council. If you would like a presentation, just send us a request through our website or reach out directly to Don Campbell at 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.

Visiting Texas? On the evening of Saturday, 22 March 2025, the eyes of the country were on Arlington, Texas as the National Medal of Honor Museum is opened. Featured in the museum is a display about Father Vincent. It includes a typewriter and several of the letters he wrote from Vietnam. It is a beautiful facility and a fitting tribute to these American heroes.



Products that Help Spread the Word: During this Lenten season, we recall the life of Father Capodanno and the gift of self he shared as a missionary and military chaplain. Our products can help you bring the story of Father's life to others:

- In response to requests from supporters we have obtained a 15x22" lithograph of Father Capodanno's portrait in the same proportions as the large, signed print which was introduced in 2018. This larger size is useful for display in churches, meeting halls and other public spaces. It is available for a donation of \$75.
- The Guild continues to offer the 9x12" lithograph for a donation of \$40. It is perfect for display in your home or smaller meeting room.
- *Called and Chosen*, our award winning DVD is available for a donation of \$20, either as a hard copy or by on-line streaming via our website <https://www.capodannoguild.org/stream/>.
- Two Challenge Coins the smaller is 1.5 inches and the larger is 2 inches in diameter. They are \$10 each.

Please go to <http://www.capodannoguild.org/> to specify your requests.

Video Links: Our vice postulator has been cleaning out old computer files and found two old video links that are still meaningful today.

- Although there are several minor errors in this one, you will glean insight into how his brother, Jim Capodanno, remembers Father Vincent. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pgcXacm538>
- From a Marine, Tony Grimm, who served with Father but has died. He was one of our favorites. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FooEBw05em4>

Father Vincent is influencing souls today:

- From a father, "My son, was just approved by our pastor to take the name Capodanno as his Confirmation name."
- From a young nun, "I absolutely love Father Capodanno! I had not heard about him until a year ago I myself served in the Navy for 16 years as a Hospital Corpsman and got out in 2021 to go into religious life. Having served 2 deployments to Afghanistan, I can very much relate to Father Capodanno. And at that time, I was not even Catholic (went through RCIA 6 years ago and was baptized Easter Vigil 2019)."

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