



FATHER CAPODANNO GUILD



June 2025 - Chairman's Corner

Friends – Here we are in the last days of June – the month that our Church devotes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Did you know that there is an amazing supporter story about Father Vincent and the Sacred Heart? Here it is:

Our supporter was a daughter in a family of four children. Her parents had consecrated their children to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as babies and practiced the Nine First Friday's Devotion given to St. Margaret Mary.

In 1967, her brother, a U.S. Marine, landed in Vietnam on 21 Aug – two weeks before Father Vincent was killed. On the night of 21 Sep, only a month after her brother arrived in Vietnam and over two weeks after Father Vincent had been killed, she had a terrible dream that her brother was horribly wounded and all alone on a battlefield. In her dream, she saw a Catholic chaplain run to help and comfort her brother. The chaplain said, "Don't worry, son, God is with us this good day."

As she woke from this awful nightmare, she called her father for comfort and found that he had experienced the same nightmare.

One week later, Marines came to the family home to tell them that her brother's entire unit had been killed. Her brother was the lone survivor but had subsequently died of his wounds. Marines who arrived and gave aid to her brother reported that before he died, he asked them to, "please thank the Padre for helping me to die well."

These Marines promised to honor his request but there were no Chaplains assigned to the unit nor in the area – they did not know who the priest could be.

Years passed, and a friend sent our supporter a picture of a Navy Chaplain who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor – you guessed it – she recognized our Servant of God, Father Vincent Capodanno, as the priest from her dream.

May our Lord and His Servant, Father Vincent Capodanno be with you and yours.

God bless, Steve Stanley

Shared Respect and Love: A picture is worth a thousand words and this one shows why our Marines named their Chaplain "The Grunt Padre."



Rome Status: With Pope Francis' death, processes associated with the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints halted. Now that Pope Leo's team has assumed their positions, the Dicastery is back in business. Our Postulator, Dr. Gori, continues his efforts to move our May 2024 submission forward. We are hoping to report more substantially on the progress of our Cause soon. Please pray for Dr. Gori.

Spreading the word about Father Vincent

- Here are two links for Father Mode's presentation about Father Vincent at a "That Man is You" event. The first shows some photos from the event and the second is the actual presentation:

[Presentation Photos](#)

[Father Mode Presentation](#)

- Presentations: You can help us spread the word about Father Vincent. 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

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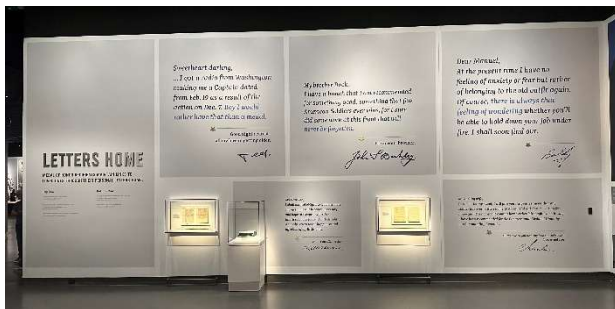
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can present via ZOOM. If you are interested, we would be happy to work with you.

National Medal of Honor Museum: These two photos highlight Father Vincent. The first shows his portrait and the second contains one of the typewriters he used in Vietnam to send letters to family members of those he was caring for.



Mark Your Calendars:

- This year's Memorial Mass for Father Vincent will take place on Thursday, 4 Sep at 1830. The Mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Crypt Church, 400 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC, 20017. Archbishop Broglio will be the principal celebrant and homilist. We sincerely hope that you can join us.
- On 14 Sep the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of her canonization with an exhibit that celebrates American "Saints on their Way." Father Vincent will be represented.

Video Links from the past:

- Cardinal Dolan from Nov 2021 giving a "Catholic Tour of New York" and focusing on Father Vincent [Cardinal Dolan on X](#)
- From President Johnson library a Dec 1968 reflection that includes President Johnson's Christmas message to service men and women around the world. At about one minute and 20 seconds into the video there is a clip of Father Vincent celebrating Mass [December 1968: Christmas in Vietnam](#)

Products that Help Spread the Word: As we approach the Fourth of July holiday, it is fitting to recall the Medal of Honor Citation for Father Capodanno. It states, "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Chaplain....He gallantly gave his life in the cause of freedom." We are now blessed to pursue the Cause for the canonization of this Servant of God. Your support will help spread the word about Father Capodanno's life and his heroic death for others:

- The Guild offers two sizes of the portrait of Father Vincent. The 9x12 lithograph is available for a minimum donation of \$40. It is a meaningful gift which can be displayed in a home or smaller meeting space. The recently introduced 15x22 lithograph, useful for churches, meeting halls and other public spaces, is available for a minimum donation of \$75.
- *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.

Father Vincent - still influencing souls:

- From a Marine Warrant Officer, "....my family has been praying for Father Capodanno's intercession. My nephew and his wife are currently pregnant with their second child and first son. This unborn son has been diagnosed with anencephaly (he does not have a brain or skull) but still has a brain stem, so he continues to grow and kick and move but most likely will be stillborn. If he survives until birth he will almost certainly die within minutes of being born. We have been praying daily for Father Capodanno's intercession for the baby and his parents both for healing and the strength and grace the parents need as they carry the baby to term. We are confident that Father Capodanno will take this prayer to the foot of the cross."
- Fred Smith the founder of FedEx has died of a massive heart attack at the age of eighty. For those of you who do not know, he served with Father Vincent in Vietnam and was a significant contributor as our Cause was getting started. We would not be where we are today if not for his support. Please pray for his soul – I'm sure Father Vincent met him and smiled....

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