



FATHER CAPODANNO GUILD



December 2025 - Chairman's Corner

Friends – Advent is upon us and Christmas is: only days away. For me, the celebration of the birth of our Lord - which ushered in our salvation – is tied to thoughts about the gift of Father Vincent. I wonder how many souls he saved not just in Vietnam but throughout his priestly ministry. We continue to hear testimony from those who knew him personally or their relatives. They are inspirational by themselves but more than that they attest to Father's ongoing intercession for those who ask him. He never said no in Vietnam and he is not saying no today. Know that my wife, Jean, and I pray for you each and every day and ask that you pray for our Guild and the success of our Cause in Rome. May Father Vincent continue to be with us as we step into 2026.

God bless, Steve Stanley

Father Vincent - still influencing souls:

From a supporter: "My cousin, the late Buddy B. Spivey was a 1st. Lieutenant USMC. He was a platoon commander in Vietnam from January 1966 until December 1966. He and Father Capodanno became close friends during this time. My cousin was wounded on 7 December 1966 on the feast day of the Blessed Mother. The influence Father Capodanno had on my cousin led to his eventual conversion to Catholicism on his death bed 47 years later. Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, Bishop of Little Rock, declared and blessed my cousin a "Catholic by Desire" after I told him the story of Father Capodanno. I was praying to Father Capodanno during this moment when miraculously, he was able to squeeze the Bishop's hand three times. My cousin was in a coma. He died shortly after this moment. Throughout my life, my cousin shared many stories with me about Father Capodanno."

Rome Status: Archbishop Broglio was able to meet with the Prefect for the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints in Rome to discuss our Cause and determined that a new group of Theological Consultants will be

assembled. This group will be responsible for reviewing the work that our three historians submitted in response to the questions raised in the first theological review. Recall that Dr. Gori is our postulator in Rome and he will be intimately involved in shepherding this effort. Please pray that Dr. Gori will guide our Cause wisely and that the Theological Consultants will be granted wisdom in their efforts.

You Never Know Where You'll Find Father Vincent:

- Appropriately, the Naval Chaplaincy School in Newport, Rhode Island, honors Father Vincent. Here is Archbishop Broglio visiting Lauren Bickings, Administrator at the Chaplain School:



- In November a group of Scouts in St. Gregory's Parish in Virginia Beach received the Father Capodanno patch:



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- In Vass, NC, the Father Vincent Capodanno High School is moving forward. They report that they have raised a new school building and graduated their largest class. Here are the students (lovingly called, “Grunts” in honor of our Grunt Padre) in a photo showing the turkeys that fed 55 families for Thanksgiving. Just another glimpse of how Father Vincent is influencing our world today:



Spreading the word about Father Vincent:

- Mark Helm gave a Veteran’s Day presentation in Michigan. It was part of a larger presentation that honored Veterans:



- Recently one of our Honorary Board Members, Pat Horvath let us know that her parish remembered Veteran’s Day and honored veterans by giving commemorative coins and Father Vincent Prayer cards to all veterans who attend Mass – perfect!

- Henry Hernandez, who served with Father Vincent in Vietnam, gave a presentation on October 16th for St Louis Catholic Church, Castroville, TX to the Theology on Tap group. It was well attended:



Scheduling a Presentation:

Presentations about Father Capodanno’s heroic life continue across the country. In addition to the two discussed above, presentations were given in Florida and Colorado about Father’s life and death in Vietnam. Several were scheduled to coincide with Veteran’s Day. They are given in person or by Zoom. Speakers are all volunteers. These presentations spread the word about our Grunt Padre and help ensure continued visibility of his Cause for Sainthood. If you have a group that would like to learn more about Father Capodanno and his life please contact the Guild through the website or Don Campbell at donald.b.campbell.jr@gmail.com.

Products that will help you spread the word:

- 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 larger 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.

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