



June 2026 - Chairman's Corner

Friends – I hope like me, you are patiently waiting and continuing to pray our novena for Father Vincent's cause. OK, OK maybe I am not as patient as I should be - I had hoped that we would have had good news to share with you in this newsletter but it was not to be. What I do know is that the review is ongoing. In my opinion, it is unlikely that the Dicastery would be wasting time on a cause that was destined to fail so, I feel it is positive that the work continues. Rest assured, we will let you know the result as soon as we can.

Although not related, another positive that has been unfolding over the last few months are events that recognize Catholic contributions to our Nation. One is associated with our Nation's 250th Anniversary in Champion, WI. Another will be at the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD. Both events will recognize American saints or those American souls who have ongoing causes for canonization. Father Vincent will be represented. See details below.

Please join us in prayer – we need them more than ever. You can access the novena at our website and at [Novena for Father Vincent's Cause - Capodanno Guild](#).

God bless, Steve Stanley

Saints of America Event :



Saints of America event in Champion, WI will take place from 1 to 9 July. This is the site of

the only approved Marian apparition in the United States. The event will include numerous Masses, a novena for our Nation and 76 displays that recognize American Saints or Americans who have ongoing causes for canonization. The culmination will be a Mass on the 5th of July; the date of the death of the visionary, Adele Brice. Here is the link:

<https://championshrine.org/americansaints/>

Saints on Their Way Event :



Saints on Their Way event at the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD will take place on 12 to 14 September and will include a reflection, "Eleven Americans have been canonized and there are 87 more American Saints on their Way. Our list highlights 31 Americans who are Blessed, Venerable or a Servant of God. This small selection reminds us that saints come from all walks of life. We're all called to holiness, and anyone can be a saint. That's why we look with hope to the future to see who the next American saint will be." Here is the link:

[Sainthood Or Bust - Seton Shrine](#)

New Father Vincent High School Building:

After nine years operating in a leased facility in Vass, NC, the Father Vincent Capodanno High School joyfully opened their first building in a ribbon cutting ceremony in May, 2026. The land for the school was obtained from a local farmer who also participated in site excavation and preparation. The building houses classrooms, a small chapel, offices, a teaching

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kitchen, and multi-purposes spaces. To date, there are 38 alumni of the high school with 7 graduates in 2026, all college bound. The ceremony opened with a prayer for the intercession of Servant of God Father Vincent Capodanno that the school would achieve success in fulfilling their mission to serve God in the community. Mary and Rick Preece represented our guild at the ribbon cutting ceremony and passed on that the students (you may recall that they are appropriately called, "Grunts") were thrilled.



Mark your calendars:

This year's Memorial Mass for Father Vincent will take place on Thursday, 3 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.

Spreading the Word about Father Capodanno:

- Recently, Ray Glennon gave yet another Father Vincent presentation. This time to over forty Sons of Italy in Laurel, MD. It was well received and we appreciate his efforts.
- Another opportunity to spread the word happened at two commencement addresses for graduating high school seniors. Steve Stanley used this as an opportunity to talk about the God given gift of choice and how Father Vincent chose to fulfill his vocation.
- There is no end to the creative ideas to spread the word about our beloved Padre although this one is truly unique. A supporter sent in this "Sea Chanty" that was pulled together by a sailor who served on USS Capodanno (FF-1093). We will post this on the website but to give you a flavor, here is the chorus, "His mission was to help mankind and that is how he died." I feel like heaving around on the anchor windlass.....

Scheduling a Presentation:

Presentations about Father Capodanno's heroic life continue across the country. 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.

No Greater Love:

Out of nowhere, Good Catholic and the Catholic Company distributed a documentary on Memorial Day reflecting on the 250th Anniversary of our Nation. It is titled, "No Greater Love" and is a story of four catholic chaplains who received the Medal of Honor. Obviously, Father Vincent is included in this documentary. It is very well done and deserves to be watched and distributed. Here is the link: [Good Catholic - Digital Content for Catholic Faith](#)

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: <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 place your orders.

Product from [steel-hearts.org](http://www.steel-hearts.org) :

- Don't forget the new memorial bracelet that honors Father Vincent. It is available from [LT Vincent Robert Capodanno — Steel Hearts](#).

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