



Catholic War Veterans of the USA  
Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Post  
*To Heal, Serve, Love, Listen*

Seventy-third Edition

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Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, M.M.

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**MEETING NOTICE**  
change

Our next meeting is scheduled  
for **Wednesday, May Fourth at**  
**6:30 PM** at our normal meeting  
place, **Our Lady of Mercy Country**  
**Home, Tighe Lounge**

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**DUES**

We have reached a 100% renewal. Thank  
you all!!!!!!

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**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

God of Peace and Justice,  
we pray for those caught up  
in the current violence in Ukraine.  
We implore you for peace.  
Holy Spirit, Our Consolation,  
comfort all those who fear.  
Grant wisdom and discernment  
to those in power.

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Holy Family, who fled to Egypt,  
guard all those who have sought refuge  
away from the land they love,  
and bring them safely home again.

Mary, Mother of us all,  
cast your protecting veil  
around all suffering lands and peoples.  
Turn all hearts back to your Son,  
our only Savior and the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

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**Surgical Masks**

With another variant of the COVID virus, it seems like it  
will never end. We still have some four ply masks  
available. They are available for one \$0.60 each, plus  
shipping. Just let me know how many you need.

These are, as I stated, four ply, not you normal three ply  
that are about half as effective as these. Our masks stop  
all viruses from being inhaled.

**They are equivalent to the N95 masks with an efficiency of 95% stopping of COVID and all other virus, including the flu. We have them back in stock.**

**Just send your request to me at:  
CWV Post 1974  
2400 NE 59<sup>th</sup> ST  
Gladstone MO 64118**

**God bless all of you**

**John**

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**Father Vincent Capodanno, MM  
Servant of God**

A message from the chairman of the guild

Members – Here we are in Lent and our Lord’s Passion, Death and the glory of His Resurrection are right around the corner. What amazing hope we see in this beautiful season. Yet, we are also watching the quagmire of the war in Ukraine. As I reflect on both, I find consolation in Father Vincent’s life and heroic example. Father Vincent gave his life freely while providing the comfort that only he could provide on the battlefield – a care of souls that reflects our Lord’s love for us. Then, I think about Ukraine - who better to ask for intercession than the Chaplain Priest who gave his life for souls on a battlefield in Vietnam? Please join me in prayer to Father Vincent that he will intercede for the people of Ukraine.

God bless, Steve Stanley

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**VETERANS RETREAT**

Every year, at the end of the month of June, there is a retreat geared just for veterans, men and women. It is conducted at the White House Retreat Center just south of St. Louis.

This year the White House Retreat Center will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so it has been around for a long time. I am not sure of the exact dates for this year’s retreat, but, I should have more information in next month’s newsletter.

If you wish more information as to what goes on, how it is conducted, etc., contact Ann Puck – 816 469 0271

Or you can contact the White House Retreat Center directly for more information at 314-416-6400.

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Post Activity

A few years back we wrote a “thank you” letter to every Catholic Chaplain serving our military, their families, and at veterans hospitals.

We are starting on that project now. Sometimes we receive an answer and there have been times when we received requests for assistance. But, we know that it is very seldom, if ever, do they receive any thanks for what they do. I know from personal experience what it means to our men and women in uniform to be able to attend Mass once in a while, especially if you are on a smaller ship or a distant base where the chaplain can be there only on rare occasions.

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Father Vincent Capodanno, MM  
Servant of God

Father Capodanno is presently a “Servant of God”, which, I believe, is the first step in the process to be canonized as a Saint. The next step is Venerable then Blessed then Saint.

So, since our post is named after Father Capodanno, we are very interested in furthering the cause for his canonization. There are many ways in which each of us can help. Here are a few:

1. Pray for Father Capodanno’s intercession. This is how miracles start.
2. Pray that Father Capodanno’s Cause will move forward quickly.
3. Like and follow the Capodanno Guild on Facebook and Instagram.

4. Tell your Pastor about the Cause and ask to host a group presentation at your church, women’s group, KofC Council, veteran’s group, etc. We are happy to support – just connect us.

5. Make a tax-deductible donation. We all receive way too many requests for charitable donations, but we offer one more with the promise that we will protect your investment and spend it wisely. Also, with your donation, don’t forget to let us know if you would like a Called and Chosen DVD or a 9x12 lithograph of Father Capodanno and the quantity you would like.

\*\*\*For assistance with any of these, please go to our website <https://www.capodannoguild.org/> or email Mary Preece at [mpreece@milarch.org](mailto:mpreece@milarch.org)

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If any of you have any questions about VA health services, need a claim filed, have questions concerning care giver needs and/or wants feel free to contact our service officer, Ann Puck. She can also assist with any questions you may have about volunteering at the VA.

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Memorial Day

Several years ago we tried conducting a Memorial Day service at the Veterans Memorial located at the Mount Olivet Cemetery. We would attend the Mass then invite the people to walk down the hill to the memorial. Turnout was very minimal. So, the cemetery people suggested that we take part in the 9-11 ceremonies instead, which we have done ever since.

We want to try Memorial Day again this year and are still waiting to hear from the cemetery. If we get the go ahead, I will inform everyone as to time and place.