



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

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Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, M.M.

MEETING NOTICE

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

DUES

It is that time of year to renew our membership. Dues are still only Thirty dollars. Please think about renewing as soon as possible.

Send dues to:
CWV Post 1974
2400 NE 59th St
Gladstone MO 64118

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.

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.

The other day I was informed that Mrs. Leola Schmidt, wife of Hermann Schmidt had passed away. Hermann is a member of our post. Let us all keep Hermann and his family in our prayers.

May our all loving and compassionate Father take care of the Schmidt family and welcome into Your heavenly kingdom Leola Schmidt. We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and rule with You and the Holy Spirit, our one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Blue Star Ceremony

In the afternoon of August 7, we held our annual Blue Star Ceremony at St. James in Liberty. It was a great success. Mrs. Ann Puck and her crew did a fabulous job. Many many thanks to all who helped.



Convention News

There is a proposed amendment to the national constitution and bylaws that will be voted on later this month. It is proposed to raise the cost of life membership by seventy-five dollars.

Update on the cause for the canonization of Father Vincent Capodanno

Below is from the newsletter from the Capodanno Guild

Members – Sorry this newsletter is later than normal, but we have been trying to understand what the Congregation for the Causes of Saints has done in their review and it is a complex story. You may recall that our next process step has been for the Theological Consultants to examine Father Vincent's Positio and that this review was planned for mid-May. I was not holding my breath, but it turns out that they completed their review as scheduled. Unfortunately, they voted to recommend that the Cause should be suspended. Certainly not what we have been praying for but not the end of our journey. Archbishop Broglio will be working with our Postulator, Dr. Gori, to lodge an appeal to the Congregation. For more details, see "Status of the Cause" below. I feel like we are on a roller coaster – fasten your seat belts and hold on tight – we need your prayers even more now.

God bless, Steve Stanley

Status of the Cause:

Like you, our Board of Directors has lots of questions. Know that I am sharing what we understand but this is developing rapidly and as it develops, things will change. When you discuss this, please indicate the preliminary nature of this information. I will cover three basic issues.

First, the process:

The Theological Consultants are making a recommendation to the leaders of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. They do not have the final say for our Cause.

Because they do not have the final say, there is an opportunity for us to appeal.

Each of the Theological Consultants writes a letter to Dr. Gori expressing his concerns. Obviously, these provide fertile ground for our appeal.

If the appeal is supported, this opens the door for the Cause to submit new information to clarify issues of concern expressed during the Theological Consultants review.

Second, the concerns expressed:

Know that this is evolving quickly as Dr. Gori receives and digests the letters from the Theological Consultants.

Concern – The Positio focuses mainly on the last year of Father Vincent's life. There is little record of the growth of his spirituality. Potential argument – His Cause is being submitted under the guidelines for the Freely Giving of One's Life so focusing on the last year is appropriate.

Concern - Maryknoll has not pursued Father's Cause. Potential argument – The reporting of potential intercessory gifts granted were sent to the Archdiocese for the Military Services. AMS picked up the Cause for one of their own Chaplains. Maryknoll is now supporting our efforts.

Concern – Father was fastidious about his appearance. Potential response – This reflects the strong Italian family that he grew up in and was reinforced by the Navy and Marine Corps. It is not an indication of sinful pride.

Concern – Father's dissatisfaction with his assignment to Hong Kong indicates disobedience. Potential response – Father's dislike of the assignment only emphasizes his obedience – he accepted the assignment. It was here that he first met our Service men and women from Vietnam and discerned a calling to service as a military chaplain. He obediently requested permission to transfer to the military.

Concern – With ongoing military actions in the world today (think Ukraine), raising someone from the military for veneration may not be appropriate for our Church. Potential response – No one likes war especially those who serve their countries in them. One of the most important things for these serving men and women is to have access to the Sacraments. Our chaplains selflessly give of themselves to provide these Sacraments. Pope Francis pushes strongly to ensure that Chaplain Priests are available for militaries.

Third, our way forward:

Other Causes have had to struggle through the process in Rome. Let us pray for the Will of God and arm ourselves with Faith, Hope, and Trust.

Initial engagements with Congregation leaders have emphasized the widespread interest in the Cause. These leaders have responded that the possibility to move forward exists and should be pursued.

As we receive the letters from the Theological Consultants expressing their concerns, we will analyze them and develop an appeal that Archbishop Broglio will lodge with the Congregation's leadership.

If investigation indicates that further research needs to be completed, additional information may be added to the ACTA (The sealed record of Father Vincent's life works).

Why am I so optimistic? I see in his Excellency, Archbishop Broglio, and our Postulator, Dr. Gori, a commitment to our Cause and the professionalism to move forward aggressively with focused precision.

Annual Memorial Mass - Tuesday, 6 Sep 2022:

Our annual Mass for the repose of Father Vincent's soul is at 1830 in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D.C. Archbishop Broglio will be the principal celebrant. Seating will be limited so, please arrive

early. The Mass will be televised on EWTN. We hope you can be with us.

Los Angeles Examiner – 4 Aug 1958:

A photo says it all. Look at the smile on Father Vincent's face (fourth from the right).

Father Vincent Intercedes (again):

Recently we received a new report of Father Vincent's successful intercession. In this case, an officer resigned from the military to enter the seminary but was repeatedly denied permission to become a co-sponsored chaplain candidate. He became discouraged until a brother priest told him at a group dinner, "You would make an excellent chaplain." So, he asked again but was denied again. Later, he was given a copy of Father Mode's book, The Grunt Padre, and our priest started praying for Father Vincent's intercession. Things started to change. He asked again for permission. This time the answer was yes. What is even more amazing is there had been three other similar requests and this is the one that was approved. You want another intercessory gift? Well, our priest had to get a medical waiver from the Navy – one that is not normally approved but turns out that the waiver was reviewed by a devout Catholic and quickly approved.

So how can you help now? – Simple ways:

1. Pray that our appeal will reenergize our Cause and that it will move forward quickly.
2. Forward this newsletter to your family and friends. It's easy and quick – PLEASE DO IT.
3. Pray for Father Capodanno's intercession. This is how miracles start.
4. Like and follow the Capodanno Guild on Facebook and Instagram.
5. 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.
6. Make a tax-deductible donation. We all receive many requests for charitable donations, but we offer this one 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

Minutes for 08.03.22 Swearing in of Officers Meeting/Ceremony

Fr. Vincent Capodanno Memorial Post 1974 – Presiding

Commander John F. Kopp

Scheduled start time 6pm

6:33 Meeting start time

Opening ceremony – Call to Order

Salute colors

Chaplains prayer

No preamble

Pledge of allegiance

Commander – Post 1974 declared open. One distinguished guest in attendance.

Moberly prison visit. Received \$200. Passed out books to prisoners.

New business:

Six families for Blue Star – prayer book, pens, certificate, banner, folder brochure app

HQ Increasing lifetime dues and moving due date up

Motion on the floor to vote to raise lifetime dues. Discussion.

Motion approved.

CWV least expensive VSO

Officers Ceremony

Larry - Commander

Don - 1st 2nd 3rd vice

Quinn – Adjutant

Herman – Officer of the Day

Ann – Historian/Welfare Officer

Chaplain's prayer

Don will make printed copies for Larry and Herman

Suit and Tie for Sunday ceremony

History of post over the last year sent by Ann Puck to HQ

Fr Vincent Capodanno prayer

7:25 End of meeting by new presiding Commander Larry Bergeron

Respectfully submitted Quinn A Knabe