



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

change

Due to the Mass schedules in many parishes and/or the work schedule for many members, I am changing the meeting schedule for only March. Please see below:

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March Third at 6:30 PM** at our normal meeting place, **Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, Tighe Lounge**

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

From Ann Puck
Service Officer

Dear CWV Post 1974 Members,

We are approaching a blessed season in the Church's Liturgical Calendar- Holy Lent.

Lent begins March 2nd. This is the first Wednesday of the month, our normal Post meeting day of week and month. We will convene Thursday, 3 March at 6:30pm as to be most respectful to everyone's Lenten Service, Mass and individual prayer time as we begin Lent.

Being a prayerful people of God and dedicated to our call to ministry to veterans, families, our Post Mission: Love, Heal, Listen Serve, thus possibly calling each of us to dedicate ourselves to a ministry this Lenten season to : reach out to a veteran's family or individual veteran, or Guard person and help that family with a special project and prayer; or- talk to your grandchildren about your experience talking to and attending Mass while you were in the military and come to know your Catholic Chaplain; or- visit a veteran who is hospitalized and pray a Novena to Fr. Vincent Capodanno for his- healing; or- What idea do you have? Can you write about your project no matter where you are these next 40 days.

Please know that we will all be praying for each other during this prayerful time in our Post Lenten 2022 liturgical season.

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 59th ST
Gladstone MO 64118**

God bless all of you

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Father Vincent Capodanno, MM
Servant of God

I receive the Capodanno Guild newsletter every so often. Below is an article taken from the latest one and it shows where the cause for Father's canonization stands:

Dr. Nicola Gori Letter:

There is not only one way to reach holiness, there are many, and Father Vincent Robert Capodanno chose one of the most difficult: the offering of his life for the benefit of his brothers. It was his extreme sacrifice to go to the suffering of two wounded brothers in need of urgent care and help. He did not hesitate for a moment to defy enemy fire on that September 4, 1967. His charity made him overcome the fear of death, because his hope in God was stronger. He did not fear those who have the power to kill the body, but cannot kill the soul. He knew that that enemy fire could eliminate him from this world, but not erase his charity. For this reason, he is remembered with admiration because his gesture is not merely heroic but is the fruit of a journey to follow Christ that he had begun many years earlier.

In fact, his missionary zeal, his enthusiasm for proclaiming the Gospel, for transmitting to his brothers and sisters the richness of his friendship with Christ, led him to follow new paths. Docile to the action of the Spirit, he moved to the East to find his field of action. First in the education of young people, then, in a new adventure, in the service of his brothers engaged on the battlefields. The choice to become a chaplain in the Navy, with the intention of serving among the Marines deployed in Vietnam, was not an impulsive act, but a decision matured in the light of faith. His intention to put himself at the service of those who risked their lives on the front lines was sustained by prayer and a spiritual life that was not mediocre.

The missionary vocation became in him a true and proper donation for others that made him an authentic imitator of Christ.

This is the reputation for holiness which the Servant of God enjoys among the faithful. And it is this reputation for holiness that has sustained the opening of his Cause for beatification and canonization. A few months ago, I was appointed Postulator of this Cause, so that I could represent the Actor who promotes it, the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

There has been some news in the last period regarding the state of the Cause: the first concerns the procedure for the recognition of his offering of his life, and the second concerns the investigation of an alleged miracle. On May 12, the congress of theological experts will examine the Positio - that is, the document containing the synthesis of the entire diocesan inquiry - and judge whether truly his donation can be considered as an offering of life, whose contents and modalities

were defined and delimited in the pontifical document *Maiorem hac dilectionem*, approved and promulgated by Pope Francis on July 11, 2017.

As for the diocesan inquiry into the alleged miracle that occurred in the Diocese of Palm Beach, currently, it has been submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, which is verifying its juridical validity. After this step, a Positio on the alleged miracle will have to be prepared and once it is ready, the date of the medical consultation will be decided. The experts will have to verify if the healing can be declared not explainable by science. If this step is positive, the presumed miracle will be examined by the theological experts who will have to make sure that the Servant of God was actually invoked to obtain the grace. If this step is also positive, the Cause will be discussed by the congress of Cardinals and Bishops, who will decide whether to bring the alleged miracle to the Pope's signature so that it may be officially recognized.

There is still some time to go, but we trust that the process can continue without obstacles.

It remains for us to continue to pray and to entrust ourselves to the intercession of the Servant of God, so that the Church may recognize his holiness.

I extend an invitation to everyone to support the Cause with your collaboration and participation, thanking Archbishop Timothy Broglio and the leaders of the Father Capodanno Guild for the trust shown to me.

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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 100th 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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Volunteer Hours

I think every organization that has any reporting system usually keeps track of everyone's hours. When it comes to veteran organizations, this also is true.

I always thought it meant just for volunteering to assist just veterans, but, to me, that isn't necessarily so. When every we spend time helping others, be it in a kitchen, helping out at Mass or other functions at our church or school, there really is no way of telling if we are assisting veterans or not. Just an example, I volunteer at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, a fantastic retirement community operated some of the most fabulous Sisters I know, many of the residents are veterans. So, just maybe, we should count ALL the time we spend assisting others, be it individuals or groups.