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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 Sixth** 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

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.

VOLUNTEER

Think about it, seriously. There are many, many places that are in dire need of volunteers. In most places the most important talent that is required is the ability to smile, to put a little bit of joy or humor into someone's day.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of Peace and Justice,

I have been volunteering at Our Lady of Mercy Country for years. Up until the past couple of years, it was mainly in maintenance, grass cutting, painting, and various other things, wherever I was needed. Then, after COVID I started working in the dining room. I, honestly, never realized I could love so many people so deeply. And the satisfaction of knowing that you have actually made someone smile or laugh is absolutely priceless.

Remember what Jesus told is, “Whatever you do for the least of your brothers you do for Me.”

Think about it.

John

Vincent was the youngest of 10 children. He came into this world on February 13, 1929. He attended public school and was an average to just above average. He seemed to struggle only with arithmetic and even more so with penmanship. Because of his writing his sister remarked that he had at least one talent to be a doctor.

In 1943 he entered high school, Curtis Public High School. Again he received somewhat average grades except for Latin in which he excelled. After high school, Vincent started working as a popular and trusted underwriting clerk Pearl Insurance Company. He also sought to continue his education by attending night classes at the School of Education at Fordham University in downtown Manhattan.

During this time he met up with William Richter, who also attended Curtis High School at the same time as Vincent. They became life-long friends .

In the spring of 1949 he made a retreat together where Vincent confided in Robert his desire to become a priest.

Vincent, after much discernment and prayer, was formally accepted to the Maryknoll community on May 17, 1949. On Saturday, June 14, 1958 Vincent was ordained from Francis Cardinal Spellman, the Archbishop of New York.

His first assignment was Formosa. Father Vincent then served in Hong Kong and other assignments throughout the area. But, with the war in Vietnam raging on, Father Vincent felt he had the call to serve as a military Chaplain.

It took several attempts to convince his superiors to allow him to seek admission into the chaplain corps. But, eventually he was allowed to seek his desire. Vincent, although he was older than most whom were accepted, became a Navy Chaplain and volunteered to go to Vietnam to minister to the Marines. On September 4, 1967, Father Capodanno gave his life shielding a corpsman and wounded marine.

While in Vietnam, Father Vincent ministered to not only the Marines but to many of the villages in the area. Even to this day, the Vietnam people still remember and cherish the memory of Father Vincent Capodanno, MM

On September 16, 2023 we will be honored to have with us Mr. Ken Fields who served with Father Capodanno in Vietnam. He will be sharing with us his experience at the time of Father Vincent’s death. Everyone is invited. Share the poster to the right with anyone and everyone.

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Father Vincent Capodanno, Servant of God
The Grunt Padre
His heroic odyssey to death in Vietnam

Presentation by
Mr. Ken Fields, Marine
on his experience with Father Vincent Capodanno at the time
of his death on the field of battle, Sept. 4, 1967.
Hosted by- St. James Parish and CWV Post 1974.

September 16, 2023
St. James Catholic Church
309 Stewart Rd., Liberty, MO 64068
Mass: 10 a.m. | Presentation: 11 a.m.
RSVP to Ann Puck
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To learn more about Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, MM
Missionary Priest in Asia & Taiwan, visit capodannoguild.org

UP COMING EVENTS

Father Vincent Capodanno presentation September 16, 2023

* Catholic War Veterans, USA “National Convention-August 1-6, 2023, Fort Wayne, IN. If any member would like to go, please do and desire contact the post-(Commander and/or Welfare-Service Officer) for assistance and information.

*Blue Star Families- and Picnic July 2023;
* August 20th 2023- Blue Star Recognition, Celebration Ceremony-(Old and New Families).

- 13:00 - Set Up
- 15:00 - Event Begins
- Prayer by Fr. Michael
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Flag Folding - Scouts
- POW/MIA Table - Don
- Speaker - MEPS???
- Definition of Blue Star - Quinn
- Presentation of Blue Stars - Current first then new families
- Military Songs from each branch--ADD VAVS
- Closing Prayer - Fr Michael
- 16:30 - Reception
- 17:00 - End/Clean Up