



Catholic War Veterans of the USA
Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Post
To heal, love, listen, serve

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Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, M.M.

MEETING NOTICE

NEXT MEETING IS

WEDNESDAY July 6 AT 7:00

PM

**At Our Lady of Mercy Country
Home**

2115 Maturana Dr.

Liberty MO

them, a young lady by the name of Gabriella, sang out National Anthem in her native language of Apache.



Gabriella in native clothes

POST NEWS

On Saturday June 10, 2016, Post 1974 sponsored a Veteran Benefit Fair held at our post home. We were honored to have the American Legion of Kansas City present to play our National Anthem and many other patriotic and military pieces.

We were also honored to have attending several Native Americans from the Apache Nation. One of

Our keynote speaker was retired colonel Antonio Monaco from Fort Lost in the Woods, better known as Fort Leonard Woods. It was an excellent talk and was enjoyed by everyone.



MEMORIAL DAY

On the morning of May 30, Commander John Kopp, 2nd Vice Commander Vernon Hudspeth, and Service Officer Ann Roberts attended the Memorial Day Mass celebrated by our member and bishop, Bishop Johnston. at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Kansas City. At the end of Mass, the Bishop thanked everyone for being there and a special thanks to the choir and to the Catholic War Veterans, post 1974.

Following the Mass, we discovered that the cemetery had a newly constructed monument to veterans and a monument to first responders. We were also told that, since there is now a Catholic Veterans Post in the diocese, next year they will plan on have a laying of a wreath at the monument.



Second Vice Commander Vernon Hedspeth and Post Service Officer Ann Roberts at Veterans Memorial

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Convention for The Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America will be held in August of this year, Aug. 7 - 14, in Portland Maine. Due to scheduled major surgery for my youngest daughter I will not be able to attend.

Being the commander of one of the newest posts in the CWV and the only post in a three state area and

without a chapter or department, I have decided to place my name in nomination for the office of Director Three Years.

The CWV consists of ten departments, nine of which are east of the Mississippi and Texas being the only department west of the river. Without a department commander, we receive no information as to what is decided by the national board. If it is to be that I am elected, I, hopefully will be able to keep all of the lone posts informed as to the issues decided upon during the board meetings and to be a voice for the same posts.

We shall see what transpires.
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FUTURE EVENT

During the July and August 2016 Catholic War Veterans, USA Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, M.M. Memorial Post 1974 will be planning for a "Memorial Mass" for Servant of God-Navy Chaplain Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, M.M. for which our Catholic War Veterans Post is named after. As you may already know Fr. (USN Chaplain Fr. Capodanno is up for Canonization. PLEASE review the BELOW letters about Navy Chaplain Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, M.M. to better understand what he was all about and why our Post 1974 desire to have a Memorial Mass for him. YOUR ATTENDANCE AT EITHER THE JULY OR AUGUST, OR BOTH POST MEETING-on the FIRST Wednesday of the month is greatly appreciated. Also, please help inform Catholic Veterans of this Memorial Mass scheduled for September 2016. Thank you and God bless you. Ann Roberts, Post 1974 Service/Welfare Officer

Below is a letter that our service officer Ann Roberts received from the Father Capodanno Guild.

OFFICIAL UNIFORM

If you look at the picture above you will see what the official uniform consists, i.e., the CWV cover, white shirt, black tie, black slacks, and the blue sports coat with the patch over the lift pocket. If you order you cover from the national office, the cost is \$48.00. That consists of the cover, the patch, 1974 on front left, and Liberty, MO along the right side. Ann Roberts has the address of a place where you can order a sports coat like the one in the picture for under \$100, the patch is like \$5.00.

We do have someone who can do the lettering on the covers and coats, if you desire. It should take a lot less time to get the covers once ordered. Just let me know if you are interested and your cap size.

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PRAYER FOR THOUGHT

Lord our God,

In our world of competing faiths, conflicting theories, and antagonistic politics, we become confused in our search for truth, and sometimes just stop searching.

There seem to be more gray areas than absolutes of right and wrong. Answers raise additional questions. We question ideas that we were once sure about. Some of the teachings our parents gave us have been discredited. Some really good people hold convictions differed from our own, and some folks with impeccable spiritual credentials have disillusioned us with their lives. Overall, we're less sure of things we once were.

So, we come to you humbly, acknowledging our role as seekers. We're not disheartened, for we know that you walk with us. We're not discouraged, for we find excitement and satisfaction in the journey. We don't despair, because we know that you accept us even in our weakness.

Creator and sustainer God, you loved the world so much that you gave you son. Help us to follow in his footsteps in working to create a better world. Help us as we promote new levels of justice and equality in our land. Help us as we conserve the rich traditions of the past without being immobilized by them.

Help us to seek the healing of sick people, rehabilitation of prisoners, and freedom for those who suffer from addictions. Open our eyes to the needs of the people who sit in the cubicle next to us, live in the room next door, and who sit next to us in church.

In our world of anger and animosity, help us to make peace. Allow us to seek to advance those people who are less privileged, and to educate those people who seem to lack opportunity.

Help us to set a personal example that will inspire and encourage others.

We ask all this in Your Son's name.

Amen

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June 14, 2016

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Dear Ann,

Thank you for your recent emails expressing your very apparent interest in Father Vincent Capodanno and his Cause for Canonization. I did not realize that your VWV post was named after him – another significant testimonial to this good and holy priest, missionary and chaplain.

In planning for a Memorial Mass in September, I recommend that you publish the event in your diocesan newspaper and perhaps some local papers and parish bulletins. Another source for attracting Marine veterans' attendance would be to contact Leatherneck Magazine, at 715 Broadway Street, Quantico, Virginia 22134 (800) 336-0291 or by email at Leatherneck@mca-marines.org.

To indicate what I can provide, I have enclosed 1 each of the Maryknoll portrait and the battlefield scene prayer cards as well as the latest update from the Father Vincent Capodanno Guild, which exists to raise awareness of the Cause and the monies necessary for financing the Cause. I have also included a biographical brochure, a rack card and other prayer request cards. Thank you in advance for any financial donations you may wish to send me at the address below.

Since you are a new supporter, and now that I have your mailing address, I have added your contact information to our growing list of over 1100 who receive regular correspondence about the progress of the Cause and Guild events. Be assured I do NOT share your contact data with any other organization.

Other pertinent information includes:

The Archdiocese for the Military Services is the **only** authorized organization for the promotion of Father Capodanno's Cause.

Father Capodanno's biography, *The Grunt Padre*, written by a priest of the Diocese of Arlington and now an active duty Navy chaplain Father Daniel Mode, is available through CMJ Publishers at 888-636-6799 or through Amazon

The Guild website is: www.CapodannoGuild.com.

Please let me know if I can send you any additional materials. May Our Lord and His Servant Vincent bless you and all of Post 1974 for their service to our country.

Always,

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