

Answers to Requirements

1) *The Grunt Padre: The Service & Sacrifice of Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, Vietnam, 1966-1967* (Ignatius Press, 2018)

<https://ignatius.com/the-grunt-padre-gruntp/>

2) The USS Capodanno received an Apostolic Blessing from Pope John Paul II in 1984.

<https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/c/capodanno--de-1093-.html>

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:FF-1093_papal_blessing.jpg

3) Aid a wounded corpsman.

https://mohmuseum.org/medal_of_honor/vincent-capodanno/

4) Servant of God, the first step in canonization.

<https://www.capodannoguild.org/servant-of-god-decree/>

5) Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, Chaplain Corps.

<https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/vincent-r-capodanno>

6) Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

<https://www.capodannoguild.org/category/events/>

<https://www.milarch.org/capodanno-memorial-mass/>

Visit www.milarch.org/scouting for information on how to order patches for any of our religious activities.

Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after earning this activity?

No. This activity is considered a religious activity, not a religious emblem. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning any of the activity patches.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and military chapel child and youth protection policies.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Must the answers be submitted?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The order form should be submitted to <https://www.milarch.org/scouting/>.

With whom do I check once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

Father Vincent Capodanno Activity Patch



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Father Capodanno Activity Patch

In the church calendar, some have the title of “Saint” and are venerated by the universal church. Others are venerated by the local church and are designated “Blessed.” Lastly, those whom the Church has deemed worthy of consideration for sainthood are given the title “Servant of God.” This activity patch honors Servant of God Father Vincent Capodanno. His words, deeds, and devotion to prayer and sacraments have inspired countless American Catholics, especially those serving in the military. His life and work have had a lasting impact on the American Catholic landscape.

Requirements for Father Vincent Capodanno Activity Patch

All – Read about this saint. You can begin at <https://www.milarch.org> and <https://www.capodannoguild.org>. Other sources are provided throughout.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 2 activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 6 requirements and 3 activities.

Requirements:

- 1) What is the title of a book written about Father Capodanno’s life?
- 2) What is unique about the ship, FF-1093, that bears Father Capodanno’s name?
- 3) What was Father Capodanno attempting to do when he died?
- 4) What step in becoming a saint was Father Capodanno declared in 2006?
- 5) What U.S. Navy rank did Father Capodanno hold?
- 6) Each September, the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA celebrates an annual Mass for the repose of Father Capodanno’s soul. Where does this take place?

Activities:

- 1) View the short video found at <https://www.milarch.org/father-capodanno/>. Why do you think Father Capodanno was recommended for both the Medal of Honor and for canonization (i.e., sainthood)?
- 2) Visit the AMS Vocations webpage, read the information, and watch the short film there: <https://www.milarch.org/vocations/>. What are the qualifications for a military chaplain? How do they differ from other priests?
- 3) Identify a Catholic military veteran who has served overseas. Ask them about their experience with chaplains or Mass while deployed.
- 4) Read about some of the ways that Father Capodanno impacted those he encountered: <https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2020/05/24/the-dramatic-story-of-the-priest-who-died-on-a-south-vietnam-battlefield/>. Describe in your own words how he impacted the lives of those he served.

Requirements for Adults:

- 1) Assist the youth with this American Saint Activity.
- 2) Read the book by Father Daniel Mode, *The Grunt Padre*, and share your thoughts with the youth about what you learned.
- 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm accuracy and understanding.
- 4) Fill out the order form found at <https://www.milarch.org/scouting/>.

For more information, consider the following sources:

- <https://www.fordham.edu/about/leadership-and-administration/administrative-offices/office-of-the-president/hall-of-honor/vincent-r-capodanno/>
- <https://www.defense.gov/News/Feature-Stories/story/Article/1798399/medal-of-honor-monday-navy-lt-vincent-capodanno/>
- <https://thechaplainkit.com/history/stories/chaplain-vincent-capodanno-moh-winner/>
- <https://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/detail/where-they-need-me.html>