

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT Discover ways to serve St. B's, the community, and the world

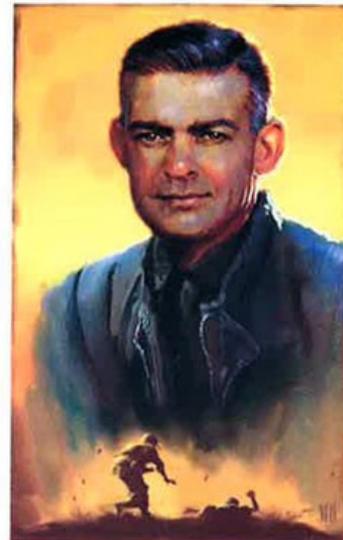
## NEW MILITARY MINISTRY AT ST. B'S

The Capodanno (Cap) Society serves the Catholic military members—active and retired—and their families here at St. B's. The ministry started after several Navy Officers met on a Saint Brigid Parish Young Adult retreat late last year and talked about the unique professional and spiritual challenges that they faced in their jobs. After the retreat, they slowly realized just how many military folks there are at St. B's and wanted to share the benefits they experienced by having a network of military Catholics within a larger group; in that, Cap was born.

The Cap Society is named after Fr. Vincent Capodanno, a US Navy Chaplain who served with infantry Marines in Vietnam. Beloved by his men for volunteering to join them on the front lines, Fr. Capodanno was killed in combat while administering last rites to his men in 1967. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor and in 2002, his official cause for canonization was opened by the Vatican. Thus, the St. B's Cap Society looks to their namesake as they seek to serve the men and women of the Armed Forces here in our community through social events, prayer, and intentional Catholic Military community.

When asked how the Cap Society puts St. B's mission—Encounter, Love, Serve, Jesus, One Another, The World—into action, coordinator David Murphy replied, "We hope to first and foremost help other military members and their families encounter a community that understands the lifestyle demanded by this profession. We also hope to help the broader parish community encounter the military members and help them understand more of what we do! In this group, we can accompany and mentor each other, in short, love one another through prayer and accompaniment. We hope that by uniting in this community at St B's, we may bring our gifts as members of the military to others we serve with and those we encounter the world over."

**Contact David Murphy at [djmurphy28@gmail.com](mailto:djmurphy28@gmail.com)** to learn more about their monthly socials and other upcoming events. If you or a loved one are on deployment, please email David so the Cap Society can pray and send a care package.



*Servant of God*  
**Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM**  
February 13, 1929–September 4, 1967

**Memorial Day  
Mass, 7:30 am  
followed by  
breakfast  
and coffee**