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calendars:*

*Seventh Annual
Archdiocese for the
Military Services
Pilgrimage to Pilsen, Kansas
November 11, 2009!
11 A.M.*



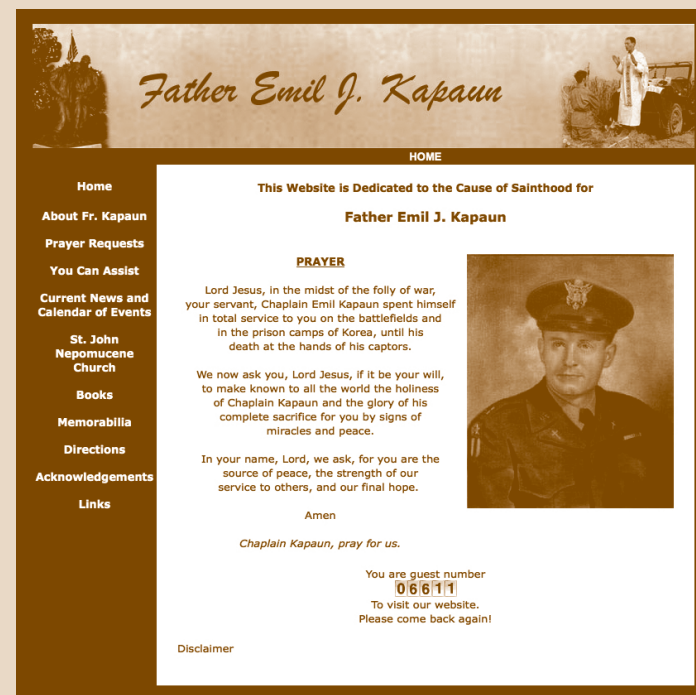
FATHER KAPAUN

April 20, 1916 – May 23, 1951
Priest, soldier and friend – pray for us.

FALL 2009

New Web Site Design

Check out the newly redesigned Father Kapaun website! Several people have put in long hours in updating the site, and the results are fantastic. There is a new prayer request section, pictures of past events and information about upcoming events.



www.frkapaun.org

“Temptations come in many different ways... Instead of satisfying ourselves in anger we must try to be patient and kind. Instead of satisfying ourselves with impure thoughts, desires, words and actions, we must always be clean and pure. Instead of satisfying ourselves with lying and cheating, we must tell the truth and be honest. Yes, there are many things we must leave on this world. Our Saviour assures us: ‘If you will have life, keep the commandments.’ ”

- Father Emil Kapaun

Seventh Annual Archdiocese of the Military Services Pilgrimage to Pilsen

Please join us in Pilsen, Kansas on Veterans Day, November 11, 2009. Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services will join us as the principle celebrant and homilist. Bishop Michael O. Jackels of the Diocese of Wichita and visiting chaplains and priests will concelebrate. In years past, there have been visitors from as far as Pennsylvania, New York and Texas in addition to all the states surrounding Kansas. It will be Archbishop Broglio's first opportunity to visit military installations in Kansas since he became the Archbishop for the Military. Come help us welcome him to the greatest state in the union. The celebration will begin with Mass at 11:00 a.m. Mass will be followed by a short wreath-laying ceremony at the Kapaun statue. Lunch is then provided in the church hall. It is always a great time. This year we will be able to enjoy the choir from Wichita's Bishop Carroll Catholic High School who will provide music at the Mass.

NEWS FROM

THE OFFICE FOR
THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF FATHER KAPAUN

Work on Alleged Miracles Continues

I first need to apologize for it taking so long to get information out to all of you. I think the last you heard from me was prior to our June Father Kapaun Day Celebration. There is a lot of good news to report. As I have mentioned in the past, we have been receiving many reports of favors granted due to the intercession of Father Kapaun. Three of these reports are under investigation in the hope that we can offer proof that they are miraculous events. In late June of this year, Dr. Andrea Ambrosi and his assistant Madelaine came from Rome to help us determine the possibilities of using these alleged miraculous events for Father Kapaun's Cause. Dr. Ambrosi interviewed two of the families involved and two doctors from each of those reported cases. Things look very promising. The bottom line in investigating these cases is to prove that there was no scientific reason for the healing to have taken place. In both of the cases, the doctors concurred that they did not see medical or scientific reasons for the healings to have taken place so quickly and so completely. Dr. Ambrosi was favorably impressed with the statements and we have been given the green light to proceed with our investigations. We have been working at getting all of the medical records available in the cases. Once we have the records, they will all need to be transcribed and sent to Rome to be translated into Italian for use at the Congregation for Saints. Ultimately, we will need to have two other doctors, who are completely removed from the case, review all of the material and come to the same conclusion as the doctors that worked on the patients. That being, that there is no scientific reason for the healings to have taken place.



▲ Dr. Andrea Ambrosi, his assistant Madelaine and Fr. John Hotze reviewing testimony given by doctors.

I would like to thank The Wichita Eagle, our local newspaper, for the articles that they have been writing about these events. They have certainly been helping us get the word out about Father Kapaun. For those of you who are not in the Wichita area or who did not have a chance to see the articles, here are a few links to the stories that they have published.

www.kansas.com/959/story/882050.html

www.kansas.com/959/story/873366.html

www.kansas.com/959/story/861812.html

The Wichita Eagle has more stories about Father Kapaun in the works. You may check their web site occasionally, www.kansas.com to look for new articles. I think more articles are planned for the first part of December.

- Fr. John Hotze

Medal of Honor

News regarding the Medal of Honor was announced by Congressman Todd Tiahrt of the Fourth Congressional District in Kansas. Several years ago, Congressman Tiahrt asked the Army review board to consider Father Kapaun for the Medal of Honor. On September 19, 2009, Congressman Tiahrt received word from the Secretary of the Army that he is recommending that Father Kapaun be awarded the Medal of Honor. "It is my understanding that the Secretary of the Army's recommendation goes to Congress and the President for approval," said Father John Hotze. A link to *The Wichita Eagle* article about the event is provided:

www.kansas.com/news/local/story/995391.html

It would be awesome if in this "Year for Priests" that Father Kapaun would receive the Medal of Honor, the highest honor the United States bestows on a citizen. This medal would be awarded to Father Kapaun for his heroic efforts in the prison camps of North Korea and for being a true servant of his fellow men.



▲ On August 5th, Bishop Michael O. Jackels blessed the 12-foot by 4.5-foot mural that has been placed inside St. John's Chapel at Newman University. Father Kapaun was ordained in this chapel in 1940.

A Big Thanks to Wichita's Blessed Sacrament Parish

Several weeks ago, Father McKnight of Blessed Sacrament Parish asked me to come speak to his Parish Finance Council about the Office for the Beatification of Father Kapaun and the Father Kapaun Guild. For all practical purposes, the two are one in the same. The purpose of both is furthering the cause for Father Kapaun's Sainthood. As many of you know, both the Office for the Beatification of Father Kapaun and the Father Kapaun Guild relies heavily on the work of many volunteers. Our achievements thus far are due to the efforts of many volunteers. There is still a lot of work ahead. However, when the cause was officially opened last year we began to incur some additional expenses both here and in Rome. Each month these expenses are in excess of \$4,000.00. Blessed Sacrament Parish has offered to pick up one month's expenses each year that we continue to work on Father Kapaun's Cause. They also asked me to come back to speak to them if and when we make any plans for any development in Pilsen in regard to a Museum or an Information Center about Father Kapaun. I do thank the members of Blessed Sacrament Parish. Your generosity and stewardship is greatly appreciated. The Finance Council did say that they hoped other parishes or institutions would follow their lead.

Many others continue to donate for the Cause; your donations have also helped tremendously. I ask that you keep them coming, so we can continue our work. We seem to be building up quite a momentum in the past months, let us pray that it continues. It is very rewarding both for me and all those that volunteer to think that we can give glory to God by promoting Father Kapaun's Cause for Sainthood. Thanks to all those that have contributed in the past and to those that will contribute in the future. It is greatly appreciated. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure are invaluable.

Father Kapaun Pray For Us.

Fr. John v. Hotze

Father John Hotze
Episcopal Delegate
Cause for the Beatification and Canonization
of Father Emil Kapaun