



To the 4th grade class at St Elizabeth School.

What a pleasant surprise when we opened the envelope with your cards and letter in honor of F. Kapoun and Veterans Day.

We especially appreciate what lessons can be learned from F. Kapoun's life and circumstances under very dangerous situations. We each can make a difference in our schools, homes and everyday lives, as we practice doing what Jesus would do to be a support to others. We need to be unselfish and be concerned about others.

Thank you lots for your cards - notes and sharing them with us.

Helping Our Heroes

Herb & Joyce Miller

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NOVEMBER 10, 2014

DEAR MS. HOWEY,

WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE TO
RECEIVE THE "HAPPY VETERANS DAY" CARDS
AND LETTERS FROM ALANNA, ISABELLA,
JAELYN, KAELYN, AND PEYTON.

ALSO TELL LUKE "THANKS", AND
THAT HIS HELMET LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE
THE HELMET FATHER KAPAUN WORE
IN KOREA.

ENCLOSED FOR EACH OF THEM,
AND YOU, IS A CLEMSON TIGER PAW
FLAG. TELL THEM TO PULL FOR
THE TIGERS WHEN THEY SEE
CLEMSON ON TV.



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SINCERELY,

Bill Fincher



FATHER EMIL J. KAPAUN

Chaplain, United States Army

"Servant of God"

November 16, 2015

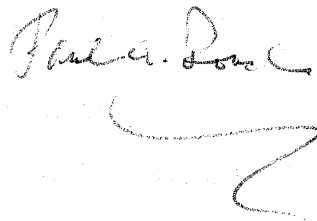
Dear Ms. Howey,

It was wonderful to receive your letter and the letters and beautiful cards from your students! Please pass on my thanks and appreciation to Carter, Campbell, Andrew and Aiden for their thoughtful letters and nice artwork.

I think that it is another of Father Kapaun's miracles that he is still inspiring so many others to do good in this world.

Also, please tell Luke that he looks a lot like Father Kapaun in his Halloween uniform!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Father Kapaun", with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

I thank you to all
of you for the beautiful
artwork. You are so special
to remember me. I know
you all love Jesus. My family
& I love Him lots We
are all so blessed Thanks again

Father Kapuen was a Saint
Blessings to Father Halse

"Gods Blessing"
Lindy Halse
12-12-2015

Dear Elaine: My oldest daughter, Mary,
has taught the first and second grade
for over thirty years now so I have
some idea of the sacrifice and
and dedication required in your
Chosen profession - thank you
for your service! And thank you for
the enclosed notes! they are much
appreciated - especially the photo!

I am eighty-eight years old and
I believe that Fr. Kapann was the
finest man I ever knew. He didn't
just talk the talk, he walked the
walk in the most terrible of
circumstance providing an
example and hope in a time
when 40% of ^{our} group were dying

He was our light in a very dark
room! I was one of four men
who carried him to the room
where he died and throughout this
painful process he was blessing
the Chinese, saying "they know
not what they are doing" needless
to say my eyes were full of tears.
Please excuse an old man's
handwriting!

Thank you class for me.

John Wood

"At 11:00 o'clock on the 11th day in the 11th month"
2015

Virginia Mayo

Dear Ms. Howzy -

Thank you so much for the letters - and for the whole project - concerning the valor and bravery of Fr. Kefauver and the many forgotten heroes of the Korean War.

You were especially thoughtful to share them with me, the widow of one of Father's good friends and fellow captives in prison camp. My husband often served as his "altar boy" and revered this saintly man who was also a "regular guy". So - although we didn't share their horrible experiences, our five children and I felt very close to these prisoners, especially the inspirational and dedicated chaplain.

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We almost felt a part of this group - and one of the most stirring events of my life was traveling to Oklahoma for a reunion of these former POWs 24 years after their repatriation. Just imagine the joy and camaraderie of these men who had shared so much sadness - now together again in happiness! What a weekend it was! - and the reunions continued on every other year until just recently. Father was always very present at these gatherings!

Another great moment in my life was the opportunity to attend the Washington ceremonies when Father was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor at a beautiful White House Event. I'm sure this

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humble man could never have envisioned - nor expected - such ~~and~~ an honor.

And now your fourth graders are inspired by his life - and maybe their children in the fourth grade many years from now. Thank you so much for introducing them to a real hero.

I send special thanks to Gunnar and John for their lovely letters honoring my husband - and for the great pictures they drew. Thanks, too, to Luke and all the other classmates in fourth grade. I think they are very special students - and very lucky ones.

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to have you ~~as~~ ^{as} a teacher,
I think the role model you have
given them is the best and will
serve as a lifelong example.

One secret - I am convinced
that Fr. Kapoun is a saint - and
the clergy in Rome are just slow
in making it official:

"Priest, soldier and friend - pray for us"

God bless you all and again very
special thanks to a very special
teacher. Happy Thanksgiving to
all -

With love,

Virginia Mayo

November 18, 2015