



Application Prompt:

Father Vincent Capodanno was a marine chaplain who gave his life administering last rites to his men in Vietnam. He was shot 27 times in the back running to a fallen medic. Fr. Capodanno was affectionately referred to as the Grunt Padre by the soldiers he served because he was constantly moving towards the sound of gunfire, because that is where a chaplain would be most needed.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us, “No greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. Father Capodanno, the Grunt Padre, lived these words in each moment of his life until the end.

At Capodanno High School we are the Grunts. Major H.G. Duncan of the United States Marine Corps once defined a grunt as, “a term of affection used to denote that filthy, sweaty, dirt-encrusted, footsore, camouflage-painted, tired, sleepy, beautiful *soldiers* who has kept the wolf away from the door for over two hundred years.”

As you prepare to join the Grunts, in a paragraph or two, please explain to us what it means to be a grunt, how you plan to live out this scripture verse and how you plan to serve as a Grunt at Capodanno High School.

Please type your response.