Ivan Francis Vap was born on June 25, 1928 in Hastings, NE. He attended St. Louis Preparatory Seminary in St. Louis, MO and St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Upon completion of his studies, he was ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 1954 at St. Cecilia Church in Hastings by Bishop Louis B. Kucera.

Father Vap began his priestly ministry as assistant pastor at St. Michael Church in Fairbury (1954-1956). This was followed by the appointment as administrator at St. Mary Church in Aurora (March-October, 1956). He was then made Chaplain of the State Penitentiary (1959 for one year) while also serving as Instructor at Pius X High School in Lincoln, with residence at St. Clara Home (1956-1959). It was during this time that he was a temporary assistant at Holy Family Church in Lincoln (1958-1959). In 1960, being relieved as State Penitentiary Chaplain, Father Vap became Chaplain at the Lincoln State Hospital for one year. After this chaplaincy ended, he was appointed Chaplain at the Veterans’ Hospital for one year. Following these years as a Chaplain, he became pastor at St. Mary Church in Davey, while pursuing graduate studies at the University of NE in Lincoln (1962). Father Vap’s next assignment was as Superintendent of Bishop Neumann High School in Wahoo, in addition to the Davey parish (1963).

In 1964 he took over as Superintendent of Pius X High School, and retained this position until 1981. During this time he was also in charge of Holy Trinity Church in Avoca for one year (1964), along with acting as Director of St. Clara Home (1966), and pastor of St. Patrick Church in Lincoln (1972-1981). In the latter part of his ministry Father Vap served as pastor at Sacred Heart, Shelby (1981-1982); St. Cecilia Church in Hastings and Dean of Hastings Deanery (1982-1986); Rector of the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln (1986-1996). It was during this time that he was invested as Honorary Prelate of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, receiving the title of Monsignor in 1991. In 1995 he was appointed to the Diocesan Building Commission until 2004. Next, Monsignor Vap became pastor of St. Joseph Church in Geneva and St. Mary Church in Shickley, as well as Dean of York Deanery (1996-2004). While serving in Geneva and Shickley, he was temporary administrator of St. Mary Church in Aurora and St. Joseph Church in Giltner until the pastor returned from Rome, Italy.

In 2004, he retired in his private home, but was called back as temporary administrator of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in North Plate (June-August, 2006). In 2014, Monsignor Vap took up residence at Bonacum House in Lincoln. On December 14, 2022, he died at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln.

The Rosary was prayed for Monsignor Vap on December 18, 2022 at Butherus, Maser, and Love Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Mass of Christian Burial was December 19, 2022 at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, followed by the burial in Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln.
Robert Roh was born on September 16, 1939 in Bruno. He attended St. Benedict College in Atchison, Kansas and Catholic American College and Gregorian University, both in Rome, Italy. Father Roh was ordained on July 11, 1965 at Church of the Apostles in Rome by Bishop Francis Reh for the Diocese of Lincoln.

His first assignment was as Assistant Pastor at St. Joseph Parish, Beatrice (1966-1968). From June 1968 until June 1969, he held the position of Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In 1969, Father Roh was made Head of the Religion Department in the Hastings Catholic Schools, serving in this capacity until September of 1971. Taking time off to attend Notre Dame University for a few months, he returned as Assistant Pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Lincoln (January-July, 1972).

Father Roh continued his active ministry as Director of Religion and full-time teacher of Religion at Aquinas High School in David City (1972-1988); Administrator then Pastor of St. Peter Parish, Bellwood (1975-1988); Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Falls City, as well as Superintendent of Falls City Catholic Schools, and Dean of the Falls City Deanery (1988-2015). In 2007, he was named Prelate of Honor and received the title of Monsignor from Pope Benedict XVI.

Monsignor Roh retired in 2015 and took up residence in Falls City. He later moved to St. Joseph Villa in David City. He was called to his eternal home on March 14, 2022. The Rosary for Msgr. Roh was March 17, 2022 at the Roh Activity Center at Sacred Heart School in Falls City. The Mass of Christian Burial was on March 18, 2022 at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Also on the evening of March 18, a Rosary was prayed at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Abie. On March 19, 2022, there was a Memorial Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish followed by burial in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Abie.