

# Serving those who Serve



Dear Friend in Christ,

The next National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), is scheduled for the weekend of 10 November 2019 (unless an alternate date has been selected by a particular diocese). The AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or the U.S. Military, has no parishes for a weekly in-pew collection, and must rely principally on private donations to fund an annual operating budget of over \$8.2 million.

Established by Saint John Paul II in 1985, the AMS is responsible for providing the full range of pastoral ministries available in all other U.S. dioceses to those serving in the United States Armed Services, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and for the families of these populations. In other words, the AMS is responsible for the pastoral care of men, women, and children from all U.S. dioceses, who hail from all 50 States and U.S. Territories - including members of your own parish.

I am grateful to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for its approval of the National Collection taken in most dioceses every three years, the first in November 2013, and again in 2016. Funds received from the 2013 and 2016 National Collections provided the means necessary for this Archdiocese to continue to provide the same pastoral care readily available to the almost 1.8 million AMS faithful spread across the globe who serve and who face constant transition and uncertainty. The funds also made possible several new and important initiatives, including the first-ever Catholic military marriage enrichment retreat and widespread certification of catechists at their installations; to begin to build an endowment with a long-term goal of assuring a self-sustaining source of funding; and to continue to underwrite the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program which provides priests to serve in dioceses across the U.S., and to serve as full-time Catholic military chaplains.

Please help me continue to provide priests for the Church and the military chaplaincy and to minister to the Catholic military men and women, and their families, who are part of this global Archdiocese - *parishioners and families from your diocese* - with a donation to the 2019 Triennial National Collection for the AMS.

With sentiments of unwavering gratitude, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.  
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA



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