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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
On behalf of those entrusted to my care, thank you and your parish for participating in the National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS).

The mission of this Archdiocese is to ensure that service members, Veterans, and their families be able to seek sacramental preparation for baptism, confirmation, first Communion, penance, and marriage; to benefit from consultation with a priest, and to receive the sacrament of penance as they defend our rights of freedom, speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty.

If in a position to do so, I ask you to consider in prayer a donation to help me minister to the **1.8 million** faithful throughout the U.S. and around the globe who serve the nation.

The AMS does not receive financial assistance from the government or the U.S. Armed Forces, and without parishes, it cannot receive funds from weekly collections. Its mission is solely supported by the generosity of donors such as you.

With sentiments of unwavering gratitude, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

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



Did You Know?

- Without the AMS there would be no Catholic chaplains. The AMS is the only Catholic diocese in the United States responsible for endorsing priests to serve as military chaplains and for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers.
- AMS faithful are the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - and their families.
- Programs and services readily available in other U.S. dioceses, and vital to the men, women, and children served by the AMS, include *Evangelization and Catechesis*, *Sacramental Records*, *Tribunal*, *Vocations*, and the *pastoral care of Veterans*.
- The AMS Co-Sponsored Seminararian Program is the only U.S. Vocations Program that provides priests to serve as military chaplains, and also to serve in parishes and dioceses across the country that struggle with their own critical shortage of ministers.
- In 2024, the number of sacraments celebrated for AMS faithful included 1,450 baptisms, 872 confirmations, 1,127 first Holy Communions, and 143 marriages.

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