



Please read and/or publish in conjunction with the Second Collection for the National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services on November 8th and 9th, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the weekend of November 9, a special second collection will be taken to support the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. The AMS receives no funding from the United States Government or the United States Military, has no parishes for weekly in-pew collections, and relies primarily on private donations to fund an annual operating budget of more than eight million dollars.

Established as a Military Archdiocese in 1985 by Saint John Paul II, the Archdiocese for the Military Services is responsible for providing pastoral care and services to active-duty women and men serving in all six branches of the Armed Forces at home and abroad, students at the United States Military Academies, veterans receiving care at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, federal employees serving overseas, and their families.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved a national collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services every three years. These funds help support vital initiatives, including marriage retreats, catechetical certification, and seminarian formation for future military chaplains.

Many of the military men and women served by the AMS come from parishes right here in the Archdiocese of Las Vegas. I ask that you be generous in supporting the 2025 Triennial National Collection so that the AMS may continue serving those who serve.

With continued prayers for you and your loved ones, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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