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25 years of...
Serving those who serve

Dear Friends of the Archdiocese for the Military Services,



In 1985, anticipating the provisions of the *Apostolic Constitution Spirituali Militum Curae*, the Servant of God, Pope John Paul II erected the Archdiocese for the Military Services USA. With the separation from the umbrella of the Archdiocese of New York the offices were moved to the Washington, D.C. area and Archbishop Joseph Ryan assumed full responsibility for the new Archdiocese. While the ministry remained the same, the challenges and the ability to stand alone and to support the activities of a diocese required more energy, resourcefulness, and a new outlook.

This issue of *Salute* commemorates the first quarter century of ministry of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. A Silver Jubilee is a special moment for giving thanks, for reminiscing, and for looking ahead with confidence in the provident care of Almighty God. It is a good time to render tribute to Archbishops Ryan, Dimino, and O'Brien for their leadership, insights, and devotion to this worldwide Catholic community.

Unlike a territorial particular Church, this personal and global Archdiocese cannot list the number of parishes established, priests ordained, religious professed, or schools opened. However, the stories of the people served, the work of the Chaplains, and the continuation of the pastoral care offered by the Bishops remain the hallmarks of the ministry offered by the AMS.

There has been growth, however. Thirty young men are now in the seminary as part of the co-sponsorship program. Father John McLaughlin, the Vocation Director, will sponsor a discernment retreat in the fall for young women thinking about the consecrated or religious life. Most importantly, on September 8th, the Most Reverend F. Richard Spencer will become a successor of the Apostles and my Auxiliary Bishop. He is to continue his service as the Episcopal Vicar for the faithful stationed in Europe and Asia. His ordination as bishop will certainly be the high point of the anniversary celebrations.

My articles in this issue describe the establishment of the first Serra Club in the Archdiocese as well as my spring pastoral visits "to the East".

I hope that you will enjoy the reflections, memories, and the pictures from these past twenty-five years. As always, I express my gratitude to you for your interest in and support of the activities and ministry of this vast Archdiocese over which the sun never sets. Together let us also ask the Lord to continue to bless and protect all of those who serve our Nation. I hope that you will enjoy the pages of this issue of *Salute*.

Sincerely in Christ,

MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO
Archbishop



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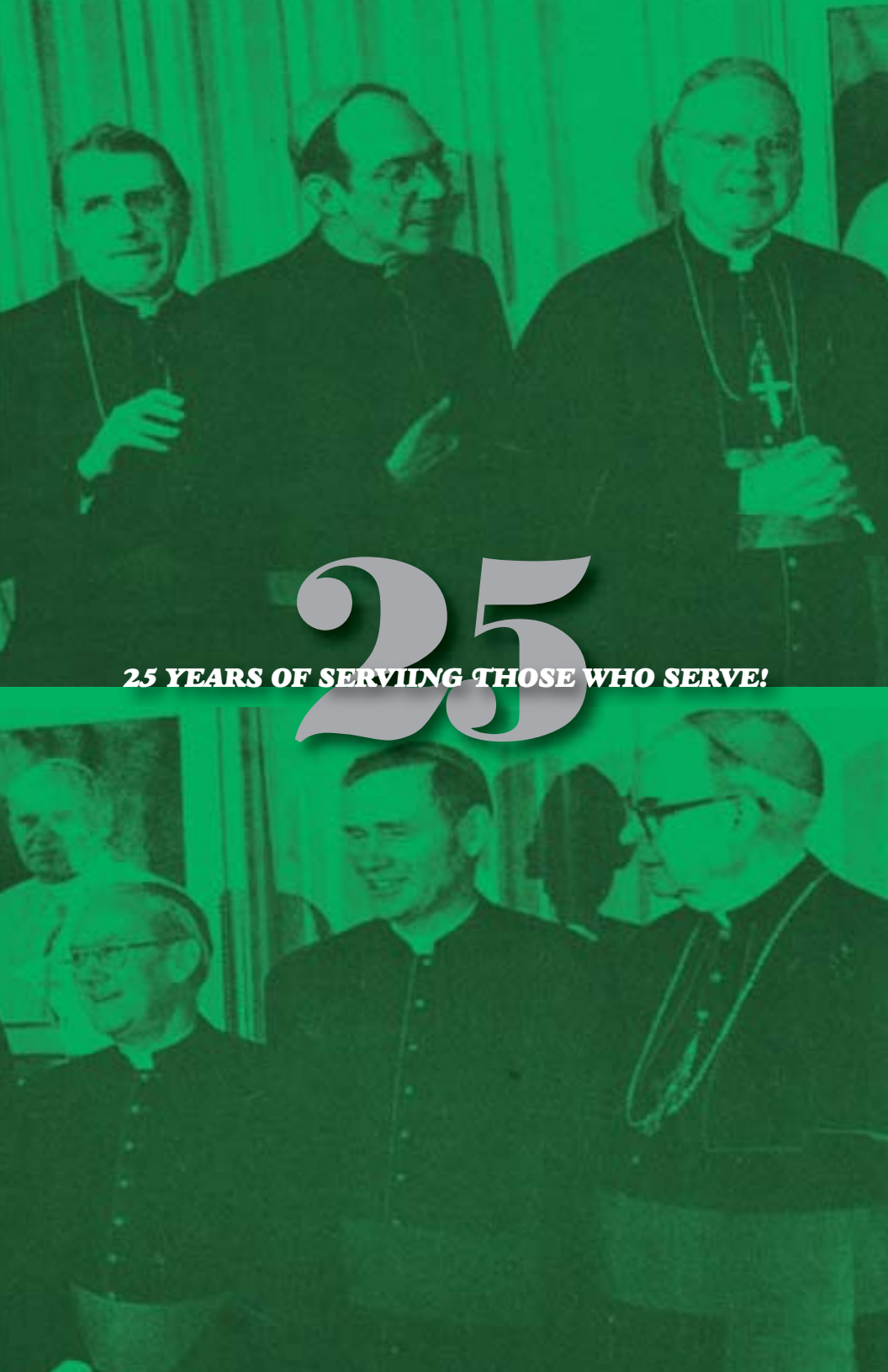


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Celebrating 25 Years of Faithful Service

Our Story:

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he Archdiocese for Military Services, USA is responsible for the spiritual and sacramental care, including sacramental record keeping, of Catholics and their families in the United States Armed Forces, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, as well as Catholics in Veterans' Affairs Medical Centers and U.S. Diplomatic Posts outside of the country. The archbishop for the military services is also recognized by the federal government as the sole endorser for all Catholic priest-chaplains who serve these faithful.

Development of the Military Vicariate.



CARDINAL JAMES GIBBONS

Catholic priests have served the American Armed Forces with distinction since Revolutionary War times. In 1888, the Apostolic See granted exclusive competency to the Archbishop of New York to designate Navy chaplains. After the Spanish American War, a commission of the U.S. bishops, under James Cardinal Gibbons, was established to recruit priests for the military chaplaincy. At the outbreak of World War I, there were sixteen priests in the Army, eight in the Navy and ten in the National Guard. The need for priests was urgent, that the bishops of America, with significant support from the Knights of Columbus, formed a National Catholic War Council.

By Armistice Day, 1919, a total of 1,026 priests were serving with the U.S. Armed Forces. Most were commissioned officers, but some 165 of those served as civilians paid from funds donated by the Knights of Columbus.

In the United States, as in other countries, the military constituted a vast diocese with no regularly constituted head until Pope Benedict XV authorized each country to have an episcopus castrensis, or a bishop for the military. On November 24, 1917, he appointed Patrick Hayes, an auxiliary bishop of New York, to be “*Ordinary of all Catholics who fight in the Army and Navy during the present war.*” Bishop Hayes organized the new jurisdiction, with headquarters at St. Stephen’s Church, New York City, and five regional vicariates. The organization came to be known as the Military Vicariate and its offices as the Military Ordinariate. Special faculties for general absolution, the Eucharist, and marriage were among many privileges granted only to military chaplains by the Military Ordinariate.



CARDINAL PATRICK HAYES



CARDINAL FRANCIS SPELLMAN

War was threatening again when Cardinal Hayes died in September of 1938. On November 25, 1939, Pope Pius XII designated Archbishop Francis Spellman, the new ordinary of New York, to be military vicar of the United States of America and the episcopal administrator for chaplain affairs. He was assisted by the first Military Delegate of the Armed Forces, Father John O’Hara, CSC, president of the University of Notre Dame. Bishop O’Hara was later named bishop of Buffalo and afterward Cardinal Archbishop of Philadelphia.

When peacetime conscription was instituted in 1940, Archbishop Spellman and Bishop O’Hara appealed to the American bishops for clergy. By December 8, 1941 there were 500 priests on active duty. During World War II, 2,453 priests served as Army chaplains and 817 as Navy chaplains, of whom 676 died in service. After World

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**BISHOP
JOHN FRANCIS O'HARA**

War II, when realities dictated an American presence in outposts far from home, the jurisdiction of the Military Ordinary was expanded to include civilians serving the U.S. government overseas. In June 1946, the Veterans Administration program was placed under the canonical jurisdiction of the Military Ordinariate. During the Korean War, whose many nations were fighting under United Nations auspices, the Holy Father placed all Catholic chaplains in Korea under the American Military Vicar.

On April 25, 1951, an instruction of the Holy See, *Sollemne Semper*, established norms for canonically establishing a permanent vicariate for the apostolate to military personnel. It was made specific for the United States in a subsequent decree, *Mysticam Petri Naviculum*, of September 8, 1957. This decree formally erected the Military Vicariate and placed it under the Archbishop of New York, with the tribunal of the Archdiocese of New York appointed to hear the cases of its subjects. It operated as a separate office in the New York Chancery, with its own staff and auxiliary bishops. Bishop Terrence Cooke succeeded Cardinal Spellman as Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the U.S. Armed Services in the spring of 1968. To assist him Archbishop Joseph Ryan, who had been Archbishop of Anchorage Alaska, was appointed as coadjutor archbishop to the military vicar in December 1975, and a separate ecclesiastical tribunal was created to attend to the needs of the military.



**CARDINAL
TERRENCE COOKE**

Creation of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.



**CARDINAL
JOHN O'CONNOR**



**ARCHBISHOP
JOSEPH T. RYAN**

At the death of Cardinal Cook on October 6, 1983, the Holy See determined that the responsibilities of the military vicariate were too vast to be added to those of the Archbishop of New York. After a brief period during which the new Archbishop of New York, the Most Reverend John O'Connor served as the Apostolic Administrator, Archbishop John Ryan was appointed and installed as the first Archbishop for the Military Services, on March 25, 1985.

In January 1986, Archbishop Ryan created the administrative headquarters of the newly independent jurisdiction in the Washington D.C. area. Archbishop Ryan retired in 1991, and the Most Reverend Joseph T. Dimino, who had been auxiliary bishop of the

military vicar, was appointed the second ordinary for the military services. When Archbishop Dimino retired in 1997, he was succeeded by the Most Reverend Edwin F. O'Brien, an auxiliary bishop of New York. Archbishop O'Brien was later installed as Archbishop of Baltimore on October 1, 2007.



ARCHBISHOP
JOSEPH T. DIMINO



ARCHBISHOP
EDWIN F. O'BRIEN

The Archdiocese Today:

On November 19, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI appointed the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio to succeed Archbishop O'Brien. Archbishop Broglio, originally a priest of the diocese of Cleveland, was serving as the Apostolic Nuncio to the Dominican Republic and the Apostolic Delegate to Puerto Rico. The Archbishop was installed as Archbishop for the Military Services on January 25, 2008, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The Archdiocese is the sole endorser (*certifier*) of Roman Catholic Chaplains to the United States Government. This means a Roman Catholic priest cannot work within the United States Military or Veterans' Administration as a Roman Catholic priest without the express permission of the Archdiocese. There are



ARCHBISHOP
TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO

currently 285 Roman Catholic priests endorsed by the Archdiocese for active-duty military service. These chaplains serve on loan from their diocese of incardination or religious order/society and are released for a term of military service. Chaplains never become incardinated in the Archdiocese and always remain subject to their home bishop/religious superiors. The only clergy incardinated into the Archdiocese are its Archbishop and his auxiliary bishops.

After a priest receives the endorsement and the subsequent faculties of the Archdiocese, he can become a commissioned military officer of The United States Military. A priest's assignments are determined by the Office of the Chief of Chaplains of each respective branch of the U.S. Military.

The Archdiocese is the sole endorser of Chaplains for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. There are currently 242 priests endorsed for service in the Veterans' Administration.

There are approximately 1.5 million Catholic men and women serving in the Armed Forces. To meet the needs of the faithful, the Archdiocese currently has three auxiliary bishops who assist the Archbishop in his pastoral duties. Bishop Richard B.

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CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By BILL KIRST



Proudly Serving Our Nation Since 1935!

The Catholic War Veterans (CWV) organization was founded in 1935 by Monsignor (then Father) Edward J. Higgins (Brooklyn Diocese) who had served as an Army chaplain in World War One. With his initiative and the help of parishioners who had served in the war, the first CWV unit was established in Astoria, New York.

It is one of only three Veterans Service Organizations chartered by Congress whose membership is decidedly religious; and the only Catholic organization in the nation that has been granted this significant honor. It received the approval of Pope Pius XI upon the formation of the organization in 1935.

For 75 years the CWV together with its Auxiliary has been engaged in actively supporting our nation's military veterans and promoting their welfare. Currently, there are over 10,000 members who belong to 200 posts in 21 states across the nation. Its Bishop Protector is the Most Reverend Richard B. Higgins, who serves as an Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar for Veteran Affairs of the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

The CWV provides charitable programs and services within its communities and also promotes the social welfare of all military veterans and their families without discrimination. This distinction allows it to

fill the service gap between secular-based veterans organizations and general religious charities.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed the Congressional Charter of the CWV and had this to say:

“There have never been any sunshine soldiers or summer patriots in your ranks, and I have the deepest admiration for your commitment to serve both God and country.”

Today, the CWV keeps faith with the mandate of the founder, Monsignor Higgins, by providing, free of charge, the services of its national and local area VA Service Officers to those members and other veterans who request professional assistance, ie: in preparing and defending their claims for federal veterans benefits.

Membership in the CWV is open to any baptized Catholic who is either a current member of our armed forces or a military veteran of the United States. More information can be found on its website – www.cwv.org. †

Higgins and Bishop Joseph Estabrook are both former chaplains; Bishop Higgins hailing from the Air Force and Bishop Estabrook from the Navy. Bishop F. Richard Spencer joined Bishops Higgins and Estabrook in assisting the Archbishop on September 8th. (see page 70: future section).

The Archdiocese is currently headquartered in the Northeast section of Washington, D.C., adjacent to the Catholic University of America.

Due to the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution, the Archdiocese receives no funding from the United States Government. Rather, the Archdiocese is funded solely by the generosity of its chaplains, men and women in uniform and private benefactors.

Unlike a conventional diocese, the

Archdiocese has no parishes or parish registries. Chapel Communities are facilities belonging to the United States Government. Although the Archdiocese exercises jurisdiction over the religious education program and the celebration of Catholic liturgy, the Archdiocese maintains no jurisdiction over the physical property of the chapel. Because base/ command chapels are United States Government property, the maintenance of all records of sacraments celebrated on U.S. military installations are maintained by the Archdiocese in its Office of Sacramental Records. This starkly contrasts the model used in conventional parishes where all sacraments are recorded in the parish registry. The Archdiocese currently maintains over 2.5 million records of sacraments performed on military installations. †

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS CELEBRATES 75 YEARS



4 JULY 2010: BISHOP RICHARD B. HIGGINS (RIGHT OF THE HEAD STONE), AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES AND BISHOP PROTECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS OF AMERICA JOINED FRED P. SCHWALLY, (RIGHT OF BISHOP HIGGINS) NATIONAL COMMANDER, FATHER ANTHONY DELL'ANNO (LEFT OF HEAD STONE), NATIONAL CHAPLAIN AND MEMBERS OF THE BROOKLYN AND STATEN ISLAND CWV POSTS AT THE ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE HONORING MONSIGNOR EDWARD J. HIGGINS, FOUNDER OF THE CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS. MONSIGNOR HIGGINS (NO RELATION TO THE BISHOP) DIED 5 SEPTEMBER 1963 AND IS BURIED IN HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, BROOKLYN.

BISHOP ON THE MOVE

Twenty-Five Years of Faithful Service—and more!

I remember very well that day twenty-five years ago when the Archdiocese for the Military Services was erected as a new entity, separated from the Archdiocese of New York. I was the Master of Ceremonies for the celebratory event. The Papal Nuncio, the Most Reverend Pio Laghi, installed Archbishop Joseph T. Ryan as the new Ordinary who then presided at the Mass which over 600 bishops and priests concelebrated. The senior Military Officers of each of the Armed Forces were in attendance and the Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Casper Weinberger, spoke at the end of Mass. The National Shrine in Washington, D.C. was packed with active-duty Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Coast Guardsmen and civilian guests. It was indeed a great celebration and marked a new beginning.

Archbishop Joe Ryan was not only our Archbishop but also a good friend to all the chaplains. He had a pastor's heart that focused on small acts of kindness. Most people never knew about the many acts of kindness he did quietly for others. There was a priest who developed an illness which forced his medical retirement. This priest had received permission from his bishop to return to the home of his parents who cared for him in the years before his death. It normally doesn't take long for one who leaves the mainstream to be forgotten by most people. That was not the case with Archbishop Ryan. I know that he visited this priest

faithfully every year and made him feel valued right up to the end. He was truly an inspiration.

Archbishop Joseph Dimino took up the torch and followed in the same pastoral tradition. Archbishop Dimino was always a gentleman with the special talent of making each person feel special. Ever approachable, he is as genuine as anyone could be. He was willing to step up to the plate and put teeth into his support of the chaplains. His military background and knowledge of the system were indispensable. These gifts were vital to the things he accomplished including his



THE NEW ORDINARY FOR THE MILITARY, ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH T. RYAN, PROCESSES IN TO HIS INSTALLATION

tireless work to ensure the future of the Archdiocese in ways which many were never aware. His wonderful friendship with Cardinal John O'Connor dating to their earliest days as chaplains in the Navy was instrumental in paving the way for another great pastor to take the helm, Archbishop Ed O'Brien, who in his ten years as Ordinary, brought the Archdiocese forward in the minds of most military leaders.

Archbishop O'Brien personally visited every installation and unit under his care and had a tremendous passion to mobilize whatever forces possible for Evangelization. His innovation and energy initiated a program developed by the Archdiocese, *"Catholics Seeking Christ,"* which was a tip of the spear effort to attempt to recapture the minds and hearts of over three hundred thousand young Catholics serving on active duty.

Archbishop Broglio continues that tradition and uses his experience and expertise as Papal Nuncio to weigh in on military matters in both military and government settings. He has ensured that our priests receive training to understand the necessity of spiritual healing for those affected by post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The Archbishop has also advocated that parishes throughout the United States make the effort to welcome home military members and their families paying attention to particular pastoral concerns that arise over time from multiple deployments.

But the inspiration and foundation for this pastoral spirit in the Archdiocese was set down long before the twenty-five years we celebrate this year. The bishops and priests, men, and women who served faithfully in the Military Ordinariate, a part of the New York

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“...for twenty-five years the Archdiocese and its leaders have been outstanding examples of this Faith based Servant Leadership.”

Archdiocese, deserve much credit for their dedication. and loyalty to the Catholic chaplains and the Catholic men and women who served our nation down through the years. When I reflect on my entrance into the Navy in 1977, two names stand out when I think of the Military Ordinariate: Monsignors James Markham and Joseph Marbach. These two priests virtually ran everything, and they did it with professionalism and charity. I can remember Monsignor Marbach calling me when I was a new chaplain serving with the Marines. He inquired about my well-being and asked about the kinds of things I was doing, listening and commenting with great interest. He remarked how impressed he was with how busy I was. He ended by saying he enjoyed talking with me but, with almost humorous New York “tongue in cheek,” continued that he would also enjoy reading my Quarterly Reports if only I would remember to send them in a timelier manner. As I hung up the phone I can recall smiling about how clever and charitable he was. I remember it more as a lesson in leadership. I was inspired to handle similar situations with the same professionalism and charity.

As a new chaplain in 1977, I was full of excitement and enthusiasm in caring for the Sailors in the Navy. I could not wait to get out on the ships. John O'Connor was a fellow priest whom I knew very well and whom I found to be a good mentor in many ways. My second assignment was Fleet

Religious Support Detachment, a unit of chaplains who went to sea with destroyers out of bases from Norfolk to Florida. It was there that I experienced frustrations with a senior chaplain. He was not interested in my going out to sea but rather wanted me stay in the office as an administrative assistant while he prepared for retirement. I was not on the new schedule to go to sea for the next year. Out of desperation I called John, who had just been ordained an Auxiliary Bishop for the Military Ordinariate and sought his advice. “I’ll take care of it, I’ll call you back,” he said. It could not have been a half hour when my senior chaplain came into my office with an entirely new schedule on which I was assigned to be at sea over eight months in the next year. I called John back and asked what he could possibly have done to achieve this end in such a short time. It seems he had called his friend, the detailer, who then called the senior chaplain and announced that he was going to have to take one of his priests immediately because of mission requirements. The senior chaplain balked saying that all his priests were taking care of Sailors at sea. When the detailer asked him to read off the schedule of the “new young chaplain Estabrook-” the senior chaplain in my office completely made up a schedule off the top of his head that had me out to sea for a good eight months. “Thanks John.” I said. The relationship of a priest with those in the Ordinariate was one of fraternity and faith. Everyone in the Ordinariate was approachable and available.



**CHAPLAIN ESTABROOK AS THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES,
PLACES THE MITRE ON ARCHBISHOP RYAN.**



**L-R: CHAPLAIN ESTABROOK, ARCHBISHOP'S O'CONNOR AND
RYAN STAND FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AS THE
ORDINATION CEREMONY COMMENCES.**

The dedication of the men and women who worked in the Ordinariate was also impressive. Margaret Scuderi in Personnel, Frank Calandra in Records, and Florence Engelhart, Archbishop Ryan's assistant had a personal knowledge and rapport with each chaplain with whom they communicated. This kind of loyalty and dedication continues right up to the present with those who currently work in the Archdiocesan Offices.

When I was ordained a bishop, Archbishop Joe Dimino gave me a crozier that was originally made in 1975 by Sailors in

San Diego for Bishop James Killeen a former Navy Chaplain. He in turn gave it to Bishop John O'Connor when he was consecrated, who then passed it on to Bishop John Glynn, all Navy chaplain who became bishops. Carved on the crozier are all our names and the years we were ordained bishops. Every time I carry it I'm reminded of those who made it- those men and women dedicated to our country we are called to serve, and those who carried it-Bishops Killeen, O'Connor, Dimino, and Glynn. I stand on the shoulders of some outstanding bishops whose dedication, faithfulness and leadership ensured that our Catholic Faith is passed on and deepened in the people we serve.

The Archdiocese for the Military Service has always been a juridical entity that is different from other dioceses. It doesn't assign its priests, pay them, own any facilities or have much power over any lives. It doesn't receive money from the government. Instead it relies on donations, many of which comes from the priests themselves. The real "teeth" of its authority is based on discipleship and faith. It is as effective as its persuasive abilities, service-orientated approach, good will and pastoral sensitivity. It doesn't always have sway or influence over the military, especially when her priests face challenges and bias. But for twenty-five years the Archdiocese and its leaders have been outstanding examples of this faith-based Servant Leadership. Those examples were prominent in the early Church and in many ways become more and more of a requirement in today's modern society. Congratulations AMS on twenty-five years of faithful and dedicated service. May you have twenty-five years more and "fair winds and following seas." ✚

History Highlights... VA Chaplaincy

1865: The history of the Department of Veterans Affairs Chaplain Service actually began on March 3, 1865, when President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation establishing the first National Homes for disabled volunteer soldiers. Chaplains were paid a salary of “\$1500 per year and forage for one horse.”

1883: The Treasury Building was constructed on the site of the National Soldier's Home, Hampton, Virginia. This site would later become the home of the VA Medical Center, Hampton, Virginia and the current location of the National Chaplain Center Headquarters.

1930: On July 30, the Consolidation Act placed all National Soldier's Homes under the control of the Veterans Administration (VA). Part-time local clergy were the only positions available in hospitals.

1944: On June 7, the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel negotiated with the Veterans Administration to take responsibility for the service of Chaplains. In December 1944 the Chief Medical Director of the VA spoke to the General Commission on past difficulties in maintaining a Chaplain program. He suggested that a committee of the General Commission be formed to assist the VA in this matter.

1945: On May 2, the Veterans Administration announced to the General Commission the appointment of Reverend Crawford W. Brown (*Episcopal faith group*) as the first Chief of Chaplaincy Service with an effective date of June 15, 1945. At this time there were 98 Chaplain vacancies. On August 1, 1945, General Frank T. Hines, Administrator of the Veterans Administration, established a national Chaplaincy Service “to assure beneficiaries the best possible spiritual guidance, religious services, etc.” The national Chaplaincy was organizationally assigned to the Office of Special Services, which also included the departments of Recreation, Canteen, Athletics and Patient Welfare. On October 14, 1945, Director Brown told the Army and Navy Chaplains Association that a school for training Chaplains for Veterans Hospitals would soon be established. Director Brown stated that the Veterans Administration would need approximately 125 Chaplains, or one for each hospital of 500 beds or more. On November 28, 1945, VA Administrator General Omar Bradley authorized the Director of Chaplains to place full-time and part-time Chaplains in all VA hospitals.

1950: On April 2, Father Edward A. McDonough (*Roman Catholic*) was appointed Director of Chaplain Service.

1964: In August, the Veterans Administration Chaplain School was established at the VA hospital, Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, under the direction of Chaplain Roy F. Reynolds. The first Chaplain trainees arrived in November. On September 30, a new VA Qualification Standard was issued for Chaplains deleting the minimum age requirement of 24.

1968: In the Fall of 1968, University-affiliated clinical education programs for clergy began at VA facilities in Houston, Texas, Bedford, Massachusetts and Martinez, California providing nine stipends of \$4500 each.

1970: On August 9, Father Raymar E. Bobber, O.F.M. (*Roman Catholic*) was appointed Director of Chaplain Service. On December 1, the 25th Anniversary of the VA Chaplaincy was celebrated at a banquet at Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia. The VA Administrator, Donald A. Johnson, gave the keynote address. On December 10th, this address was entered into the Congressional Record by Senator Strom Thurmond (*South Carolina*) as a tribute to VA Chaplains.

1975: A lack of funds forced the closing of the Jefferson Barracks Chaplain School. On June 24th, Professional Services letter IL, 11-75-23 specified that Chaplain Service is an essential part of the delivery of mental health services at VA facilities. This may have been the first “charter” for Chaplains to function in outpatient clinics.

1976: In March, the Chaplain Service was reorganized by VA Central Office. Regional Chaplain positions were abolished and replaced with “District Representatives.” On May 19th, the 30th Anniversary of the Chaplaincy was celebrated at Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia. The keynote address was given by Terence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar. In December, there were 34 healthcare facilities, each with a Chief of Chaplain Service.

1977: On July 26th, the Conference of Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agents for the Veterans Administration was formed. In October, the VA proposed eliminating the nationally administered Chaplain Service and combining field chaplaincies with Recreation and Voluntary Services. The proposal was withdrawn after it was rejected by the Executive Committee of the Endorsers’ Conference.

1982: On January 1st, the General Commission on Chaplains and the Conference of Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agents for the Veterans Administration merge as the Endorsers Conference for Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy (ECVAC). On January 2, Father James E. Martin (*Roman Catholic*) was appointed Director of Chaplain Service.

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History Highlights...VA Chaplaincy

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1990: On June 7th, VA Administrator Edward J. Derwinski proclaimed the period October 22–28 as Pastoral Care Week and called upon all VA's to observe the 45th Anniversary of the VA Chaplaincy.

1991: November 13, 1991 Chief Medical Director James Holsinger M.D. directed the decentralization of the VA Central Office Chaplain Service and the establishment of the National VA Chaplain Center for Excellence at the VA Medical Center, Hampton, VA.

1992: In January, the VA Central Office Chaplain Service is out placed to VAMC Hampton, VA. There were also four Regional Chaplain positions created. In June, Father Roger Brady (*Roman Catholic*) was appointed as Director, Chaplain Service. In June 1992 Chaplain Roger Brady was appointed the first Director, National Chaplain Center.

2001: April 5, 2001 Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, Archbishop for the Military Services, issued "Basic Expectations of the Archdiocese for the Military Services for the Pastoral Care of Our Catholic Personnel."

2003: January 12, 2003 Father Paul Holt, Chief at Des Moines, Iowa, became the Associate Director for Region 1.

2005: In April 2005 the first one-week V-Tel Basic Chaplain Orientation Pilot Course was conducted at Palo Alto, California. A second V-Tel Basic Chaplain Orientation Course was conducted in August 2005 at Canandaigua, New York. These two courses successfully demonstrated that distance education courses are effective in reaching chaplains unable to attend classes at the National Chaplain Center in Hampton, Virginia. In October 2005 the first Roman Catholic Deacons' Course was conducted at the National Chaplain Center. Also in October 2005 plans were approved for the new one million dollar Chaplain Education Center to be built on the second floor of Building 114 on the Hampton Medical Center campus.

2006: January 2006 Bishop Higgins issues an advance copy of "Basic Expectations for the Pastoral Care of Catholic Personnel and Staff in Veterans Affairs Institutions." ✚

Tribunal story

We operated out of a trailer for several months on Varnum Street, N.E. before moving to 962 Wayne Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland. At this location, the various departments were formed and structure was beginning to rise.



Father Nicholas Halligan was the acting Vicar at this time and along with his new staff of four ladies and several judges, work on the process of investigating the petitions for nullity began. The Tribunal also sought the help of Judges from other Tribunals. We had Defenders of the Bond from Washington, D.C., as well as from other parts of the United States, who assisted our Tribunal.

In the beginning the Tribunal was a piecemeal operation and all four of us could be involved with any case, which made it quite confusing. I approached Father Halligan about possibly making some changes. If each of the secretaries were assigned a case to handle from the beginning and worked on it until the case was ready for a Defender's or a Judge's observation, we could handle the cases in a more efficient and timely manner. Father listened to the suggestion and found it was feasible. He established a routine for us to follow which facilitated the progress of each petition. This enabled the secretaries to accept and process each petition without undue delay.

Father Halligan was a wonderful boss and a godly man. If a problem presented itself, you could approach and talk with him. He would always find a ready solution. Whether the problem pertained to the Tribunal or to one's personal life, he had a

ready ear and was always there for us. You left his presence with the sensation that his advice was solid. He was a soft-spoken man, yet still a person who could direct or reprimand in a quiet manner and make you feel at ease as you talked with him.

After some period of time, Father Halligan was assigned a different position at the Archdiocese which left us without a Judicial Vicar. During the interim, things ran smoothly as we waited for the vacancy to be filled. We were blessed with the assignment of Father Michael C. Connolly, OSFS as our new Judicial Vicar. Father Mike was a man with a ready smile and a mild manner. He, too, made working with him a pleasant time. He also had the ability to get his point across with a gentle manner. I enjoyed working with Father Mike and still keep in touch with him to this day.

After three years of service, Father Connolly was transferred, and we were again without a Judicial Vicar for nine months. Again the Tribunal ran smoothly, and annulments were processed through the kindness of the Judges from other Tribunals helping out. Monsignor George Dobes was hired and worked with us for a little over two years. We then had another Judicial Vicar Father Joseph Howarth who was the Judicial Vicar until his untimely death in May of 2006. ✠

“The composition of the arms conveys the message and mission of the Archdiocese for the Military Services – to be Americans carrying peace; to carry Christ all over the world; and to act as a liaison for the United States and the Holy See.”



The Archdiocesan Shield:

The coat of arms of the Archdiocese for the Military Services is divided into three sections, one in red, one in silver or white, and one in blue – the traditional colors of the United States. In the uppermost portion, there is an American Bald Eagle holding in each claw the universal symbol of peace, a green olive branch. In the middle portion, there is a silver cross on the outline meridians of the earth. In the lowest, the red portion of these arms, are the gold and silver crossed keys of Saint Peter, the symbol of the Holy See. The composition of the arms conveys the message and mission of the Archdiocese for the Military Services – to be Americans carrying peace; to carry Christ all over the world; and to act as a liaison for the United States and the Holy See.



Archdiocese for the Military Services AUXILIARY BISHOPS

Lawrence Joyce Kenney (1983-1990)
Angelo Thomas Acerra, O.S.B. (1983-1990)
Joseph Thomas Dimino (1983-1991)
Francis Xavier Roque (1983-2004)
John Gavin Nolan (1987-1997)
John Joseph Glynn (1991-2002)
José de Jesús Madera Uribe, M.Sp.S. (1991-2004)
John Joseph Kaising (2000-2007)
Richard Brendan Higgins (2004-present)
Joseph W. Estabrook (2004-present)
F. Richard Spencer (2010-present);

Archdiocese for the Military Services VICAR GENERALS

Joseph T. Dimino (1985)
Lawrence J. Kenney (1986-1988)
Angelo T. Acerra (1988-1990)
Nicholas Halligan, O.P. (1991-1996)
Aloysius R. Callaghan (1996-2005)
James R. Dixon (2005-2009)
Frank A. Pugliese (2009-present)

Necrology of priests



| BRANCH | NAME | DEATH | (ARCH)DIOCESE OR RO |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------|
| Air Force | Reverend Raymond G. Brezna | 11-May-1989 | Austin, TX |
| Air Force | Reverend John F. Albert | 11-Aug-1989 | Rochester, NY |
| Air Force | Most Reverend Angelo T. Acerra | 26-Jul-1990 | Archdiocese for the Military Services |
| Air Force | Reverend Gerald E. Curley | 15-May-1991 | Venice, FL |
| Air Force | Reverend Eugene C. Gasparovic | 11-Mar-1992 | Mobile, AL |
| Air Force | Reverend John Leo Anderton | 22-Dec-1993 | Erie, PA |
| Air Force | Reverend Daniel A. McGuire | 17-Feb-1994 | New York, NY |
| Air Force | Reverend Donald F. Saulnier | 11-May-1994 | CSS: Stigmatine Fathers |
| Air Force | Reverend John P. Lenihan | 17-Aug-1994 | Chicago, IL |
| Air Force | Reverend Monsignor Thomas M. Jellicoe | 28-Nov-1994 | Charleston, SC |
| Air Force | Reverend Thomas J. Neumann | 19-Mar-1995 | Detroit, MI |
| Air Force | Reverend Henry J. McNulty | 10-Jun-1995 | CSSp: (CA) Holy Ghost Fathers, Ireland |
| Air Force | Reverend John I. Hargrafen | 28-Jul-1995 | Dubuque, Iowa |
| Air Force | Reverend Monsignor Earl J. Larose | 27-Aug-1995 | New Orleans, LA |
| Air Force | Reverend Raymond P. Monty | 8-Feb-1996 | Fall River, MA |
| Air Force | Reverend Rayner R. Drag | 11-May-1997 | OFM: (WI) Franciscans |
| Air Force | Reverend Robert L. Plush | 6-Mar-1998 | Santa Fe, NM |
| Air Force | Reverend Christopher Papp | 13-Mar-1999 | Wilmington, DE |
| Air Force | Reverend John D. Dwyer | 20-Aug-1999 | Portland in Oregon, OR |
| Air Force | Reverend John J. Martin | 24-Aug-1999 | OSM: Servites |
| Air Force | Reverend Mark C. Mages | 11-Nov-1999 | OSB: Cullman (AL) |
| Air Force | Reverend Dennis M. Vail | 7-Jan-2000 | Washington, DC |
| Air Force | Reverend Monsignor Edwin R. Chess | 13-Jun-2000 | Chicago, IL |
| Air Force | Reverend Norman P. Bolduc | 1-Oct-2000 | Manchester, NH |
| Air Force | Reverend Arthur S. Thomas | 19-Jan-2001 | New Ulm, MN |
| Air Force | Reverend Robert J. Ross | 20-Mar-2001 | SDS: Society of the Divine Savior |
| Air Force | Reverend William D. Curtis | 10-Apr-2001 | Winona, MN |
| Air Force | Reverend J. Kelly Cosgrove | 19-Nov-2001 | Washington, DC |
| Air Force | Reverend Gerald T. Maechler | 10-Jan-2002 | Los Angeles, CA |
| Air Force | Reverend Denis P. Keaney | 13-Jan-2002 | Sacramento, CA |
| Air Force | Reverend John J. Campbell | 22-Jan-2002 | Springfield in Illinois |
| Air Force | Reverend Rosario L. U. Montcalm | 6-Feb-2002 | Springfield in Massachusetts |
| Air Force | Reverend Lawrence M. Penzes | 12-Mar-2002 | Rockville Centre, NY |
| Air Force | Reverend James F. Greene | 26-Apr-2002 | Fall River, MA |
| Air Force | Reverend Howard J. Lesch | 14-Jun-2002 | CPPS: Cincinnatti / Precious Blood |
| Air Force | Reverend Robert J. Lamby | 15-Jun-2002 | SSC: Columban Fathers |
| Air Force | Reverend John H. Patrick | 11-Jul-2002 | Baltimore, MD |
| Air Force | Reverend Joseph E. McCausland | 31-Aug-2002 | Cleveland, OH |
| Air Force | Reverend James E. Somma | 26-Nov-2002 | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Air Force | Reverend Edward J. Hayes | 5-Dec-2002 | Newark, NJ |
| Air Force | Reverend William Caspers | 12-Dec-2003 | Cheyenne, WY |
| Air Force | Reverend John J. McGowan | 28-Dec-2002 | Rockford, IL |
| Air Force | Reverend Monsignor John F. Denehy | 25-Aug-2003 | Fall River, MA |
| Air Force | Reverend James K. Grothjan | 31-Aug-2003 | CPPS: Cincinnatti / Precious Blood |
| Air Force | Reverend John F. McLaughlin | 22-Sep-2003 | Green Bay, WI |
| Air Force | Reverend Christian G. Lefrois | 8-Jan-2004 | OSB: Benedictine |
| Air Force | Reverend William D. Thompson | 19-Jan-2004 | Bridgeport, CT |
| Air Force | Reverend Monsignor Wilfred L. Krieger | 19-Mar-2004 | St. Louis, MO |
| Air Force | Reverend John R. Durkin | 6-Apr-2004 | Davenport, IA |
| Air Force | Reverend Michael R. De Antonio | 7-Aug-2004 | Charleston, SC |
| Air Force | Reverend Louis J. Silverman | 3-Nov-2004 | San Antonio, TX |
| Air Force | Reverend Patrick J. O'Lenny | 23-Nov-2004 | La Crosse, WI |
| Air Force | Reverend James E. Rockenstein | 29-Dec-2004 | OFM: Franciscan |
| Air Force | Reverend Frank H. Ebner | 19-Feb-2005 | St. Cloud, MN |
| Air Force | Reverend Eustace J. McDonald | 11-Apr-2005 | CP: (NJ) Eastern Province |
| Air Force | Reverend Ray J. Calkins | 28-May-2006 | Sioux City, IA |

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| BRANCH | NAME | DEATH | (ARCH)DIOCESE OR RO |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| Air Force | Reverend Thomas E. Kinney | 3-Sep-2005 | New Orleans, LA |
| Air Force | Reverend Joseph E. Peoples | 22-Nov-2005 | Helena, MT |
| Air Force | Reverend Francis W. Jordan | 13-Apr-2006 | Milwaukee, WI |
| Air Force | Reverend Salvatore J. D'Angelo | 14-Aug-2006 | OSFS: Oblates of St. Francis (Wilm-Phil) |
| Air Force | Reverend Joseph M. Kohler | 2-Sep-2006 | St. Louis, MO |
| Air Force | Reverend Roy William Swetnam | 19-Dec-2006 | St. Louis, MO |
| Air Force | Reverend Thomas P. Diab | 9-May-2007 | San Antonio, TX |
| Air Force | Reverend William F. Mattimore | 29-Sep-2007 | Worcester, MA |
| Air Force | Reverend Frank J. Gilchrist | 2-Oct-2007 | Albany, NY |
| Air Force | Reverend John J. Regan | 13-Oct-2007 | Boston, MA |
| Air Force | Reverend Joseph W. Ariano | 15-Dec-2007 | Omaha, NE |
| Air Force | Reverend Gerard J. McGann | 3-Mar-2008 | Boston, MA |
| Air Force | Reverend Herbert L. Lattis | 17-Apr-2008 | Louisville, KY |
| Air Force | Reverend Roman F. Kaiser | 14-Sep-2008 | La Crosse, WI |
| Air Force | Reverend George F. Helmich | 9-Apr-2009 | CSP: Paulist Fathers |
| Air Force | Reverend Albert Emile Verbrugge | 19-Aug-2009 | Tucson, AZ |
| Air Force | Reverend Daniel A. Cassiero | 31-Oct-2009 | New York, NY |
| Air Force | Reverend Joseph H. Manning | 26-Jan-2010 | Boston, MA |
| Air Force | Reverend Monsignor William R. Charbonneau | 5-May-2010 | Hartford, CT |
| Air Force | Reverend Monsignor Norman G. Mesty | 23-Jan-2010 | Providence, RI |
| Army | Reverend John F. Laboon | 8-Jan-1988 | SJ: Maryland Province |
| Army | Reverend Alphonse J. V. Fiedorczyk | 14-Dec-1988 | Bridgeport, CT |
| Army | Most Reverend Philip J. Furlong | 13-Apr-1989 | New York, NY |
| Army | Reverend Jerome P. Gill | 21-Mar-1991 | Boston, MA |
| Army | Reverend George S. Chehayl | 3-Apr-1991 | Jesuit |
| Army | Reverend Albert G. Drew | 27-Apr-1991 | Newark, NJ |
| Army | Reverend Paul V. Barrett | 18-Feb-1993 | OP: Dominicans |
| Army | Reverend Richard Voigt | 1-Nov-1993 | Tucson, AZ |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor Richard C. Hiester | 23-Nov-1993 | Denver, CO |
| Army | Reverend Richard E. Mazziotta | 25-Apr-1994 | Praseidium Program: Religious |
| Army | Reverend William J. Bolt | 26-Jul-1994 | Manchester, NH |
| Army | Reverend Ignaius W. Butler | 7-Oct-1994 | Rochester, NY |
| Army | Reverend Kenneth J. Ryan | 28-Dec-1994 | New Orleans, LA |
| Army | Reverend John E. Diener | 15-Jan-1995 | Cincinnati, OH |
| Army | Reverend John B. Bahan | 27-Feb-1995 | New Orleans, LA |
| Army | Reverend Victor J. Dossogne | 15-Mar-1995 | Jesuit |
| Army | Reverend George A. Gunst | 26-May-1995 | Los Angeles, CA |
| Army | Reverend Edward Fitzsimons | 11-Nov-1995 | Burlington, VT |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor Francis L. Sampson | 28-Jan-1996 | New York, NY |
| Army | Reverend Charles H. Tessier | 4-May-1996 | Albany, NY |
| Army | Most Reverend William J. Moran | 23-Aug-1996 | New York, NY |
| Army | Reverend Anthony F. Silvestri | 26-Nov-1996 | OSFS: Oblates of St. Francis (Wilm-Phil) |
| Army | Reverend Kilian Dreiling | 7-Dec-1996 | CPFS: Cincinnati / Precious Blood |
| Army | Reverend Robert L.E. English | 13-Jan-1997 | CO: Oratorians (Pittsburgh) |
| Army | Reverend Ronald T. Colloty | 25-Feb-1997 | OFM: Francisca |
| Army | Reverend Francis X. Leonard | 11-Mar-1997 | New York, NY |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor Bernard M. Burns | 17-May-1998 | Santa Fe, NM |
| Army | Right Reverend William J. Higgins | 16-Oct-1998 | New York, NY |
| Army | Reverend John A. Zwack | 28-Oct-1998 | Dubuque, Iowa |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor Harold O. Prudell | 16-May-1999 | Milwaukee, WI |
| Army | Reverend Donald R. Hughes | 31-Oct-1999 | Buffalo, NY |
| Army | Reverend Bede J. Butler | 28-Jun-2000 | OSB: Benedictine |
| Army | Reverend Antonio M. Pinho | 6-Jul-2000 | Newark, NJ |
| Army | Reverend Robert T. Drummond | 2-Sep-2000 | OSA: (PA) St. Augustine |
| Army | Reverend Leonard Aiden T. Duffy | 19-Oct-2000 | Boston, MA |
| Army | Reverend Douglas T. Smith | 2-Dec-2000 | OFM: Capuchins |
| Army | Reverend John I. Foley | 19-Jan-2001 | Boston, MA |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor John D. Benson | 5-Feb-2001 | Washington, DC |
| Army | Reverend John P. Jennings | 8-Jun-2001 | Cincinnati, OH |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor Joseph G. Gefell | 13-Oct-2001 | Rochester, NY |
| Army | Reverend Thomas J. Downes | 11-Dec-2001 | Chicago, IL |

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| Army | Reverend Edward J. Sullivan | 2-Mar-2002 | Helena, MT |
| Army | Reverend Donal Forrester | 4-Mar-2002 | CSP: Paulist Fathers |
| Army | Reverend James F. Dolan | 15-Mar-2002 | SJ: New York Province |
| Army | Reverend Eli K. Carter | 8-Apr-2002 | Honolulu, HI |
| Army | Reverend Kenny E. Lynch | 18-Apr-2002 | CP: (IL) Western Province |
| Army | Reverend Josphe K. Anderson | 8-May-2002 | OSB: Benedictine |
| Army | Reverend Stephen M. Wagman | 20-Jun-2002 | OSB: St. John's (Collegeville) |
| Army | Reverend Robert O. McMain | 20-Dec-2002 | Washington, DC |
| Army | Reverend Thomas J. Trepanier | 25-Dec-2002 | Providence, RI |
| Army | Reverend Albert D. Bull | 6-Mar-2003 | Chicago, IL |
| Army | Reverend Albert M. Hansen | 23-Mar-2003 | Buffalo, NY |
| Army | Reverend Thomas W. Ozanne | 2-Apr-2003 | CPPS: Kansas City/Precious Blood |
| Army | Reverend Francis L. Keefe | 3-Apr-2003 | CSS: Stigmatine Fathers |
| Army | Reverend Patrick J. Dennigan | 22-May-2003 | Burlington, VT |
| Army | Reverend Leonard J. Lukaszewski | 8-Jul-2003 | Gary, IN |
| Army | Reverend Robert H. Vogt | 15-Nov-2003 | SJ: New York Province |
| Army | Reverend Aloysius J. Marschner | 10-Feb-2004 | St. Louis, MO |
| Army | Reverend Harold E. York | 29-Feb-2004 | Wichita, KS |
| Army | Reverend Clifford A. Egert | 6-Nov-2004 | Davenport, IA |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor Thomas F. Early | 8-Nov-2004 | Alexandria, LA |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Glynn | 11-Nov-2004 | New York, NY |
| Army | Reverend John T. Gavin | 12-Nov-2004 | OSFS: Oblates of St. Francis (Wilm-Phil) |
| Army | Reverend Donald W. Hill | 21-Nov-2004 | Bismarck, ND |
| Army | Reverend Roscoe L. Finnegan | 4-Dec-2004 | St. Cloud, MN |
| Army | Reverend Gerald N. Stephens | 30-Dec-2004 | Fort Worth, TX |
| Army | Reverend Walter H. Halloran | 1-Mar-2005 | SJ: Wisconsin Province |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor George T. Casey | 18-Aug-2005 | Scranton, PA |
| Army | Reverend Anthony C. Diacetus | 16-Sep-2005 | Albany, NY |
| Army | Reverend John A. Alaska | 13-Jan-2006 | Santa Fe, NM |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor Roy V. Peters | 2-Jul-2006 | Sacramento, CA |
| Army | Most Reverend John J. Kaising | 13-Jan-2007 | Military Ordinariate (AMS) |
| Army | Reverend Michael H. Norton | 4-Feb-2007 | CPPS: Atlantic/Precious Blood |
| Army | Reverend William R. Mulligan | 2-Mar-2007 | Burlington, VT |
| Army | Reverend Patrick J. Hessian | 8-Sep-2007 | St. Paul and Minneapolis |
| Army | Reverend Gregory P. Sykes | 16-Nov-2007 | Ogdensburg, NY |
| Army | Reverend Conrad W. Loftus | 2-Jan-2008 | OFM: (NY1) Franciscans |
| Army | Reverend John B. Smith | 28-Jan-2008 | St. Paul and Minneapolis |
| Army | Reverend James W. Jones | 9-Feb-2008 | OFMCap: (NY) St. Mary Province |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor James B. Joy | 17-Jun-2008 | Washington, DC |
| Army | Reverend Morris F. Wells | 14-Aug-2008 | Ocam: (IL) Carmelites |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor Sidney J. Marceaux | 14-Sep-2008 | Beaumont, TX |
| Army | Reverend Joseph P. (Hugh) Mulhern | 15-Sep-2008 | OP: (St. Joseph-Eastern Province) |
| Army | Reverend Monsignor James R. Hartnett | 20-Mar-2009 | St. Louis, MO |
| Army | Reverend Henry Timothy Vakoc | 21-Jun-2009 | St. Paul and Minneapolis |
| Army | Reverend Timothy J. Teahan | 3-Oct-2009 | Brooklyn, NY |
| Army | Reverend Herman J. Brinkmann | 25-Oct-2009 | |
| Army | Most Reverend William D. Borders | 19-Apr-2010 | Baltimore, MD |
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| Contract Priest | Reverend Joseph S. Haller | 17-Apr-1994 | SJ: Missouri Province |
| Contract Priest | Reverend Richard Payne | 11-Mar-2001 | OFM: (Singapore) Franciscan |
| Contract Priest | Reverend E. Paul Betowski | 12-Mar-2002 | SJ: Maryland Province |
| Contract Priest | Reverend John J. Ahern | 25-Apr-2003 | Chicago, IL |
| Contract Priest | Reverend Walter J. Keutzer | 29-Apr-2003 | St. Louis, MO |
| Contract Priest | Reverend Alfonse M. Aarminio | 15-Nov-2004 | Newark, NJ |
| Contract Priest | Reverend Mark A. Walljasper | 23-Mar-2005 | La Crosse, WI |
| Contract Priest | Reverend James E. Grant | 7-Apr-2006 | Spokane, WA |
| Contract Priest | Reverend Harold Powell | 11-Jan-2007 | Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO |
| Contract Priest | Reverend Howard Picard | 21-Nov-2007 | CICM: Missionhurst Fathers |
| Contract Priest | Reverend Edward L. Richardson | 26-Apr-2008 | SMA: Society of African Missions |
| Contract Priest | Reverend Patrick A. Kenny | 25-Nov-2009 | Auckland, NZ |
| Contract Priest | Reverend Rene P. Dufour | 12-Dec-2009 | OMI: (IL) Oblates of Mary |
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| Diplomatic Corps | Reverend John P. Donahue | 3-Dec-1997 | CSP: Paulist Fathers |

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|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| Navy | Reverend Francis J. Dolan | 13-Mar-1989 | Boston, MA |
| Navy | Reverend Lucien A. Herbert | 19-Nov-1990 | Detroit, MI |
| Navy | Reverend Brian R. Ward | 11-Mar-1991 | OFMCap: Capuchins |
| Navy | Reverend James A O'Donnell | 30-May-1991 | OP: Dominicans |
| Navy | Reverend Albert J. Werr | 8-Dec-1991 | Ocam: Carmelite |
| Navy | Reverend Richard W. Hodge | 19-Feb-1993 | OFM: (CA) Franciscans |
| Navy | Reverend Cornelius J. Griffin | 29-May-1993 | Tucson, AZ |
| Navy | Reverend Austin L. Healy | 2-Dec-1993 | Baltimore, MD |
| Navy | Reverend R. Conway O'Connor | 17-Dec-1993 | Chicago, IL |
| Navy | Reverend Monsignor William K. Bramble | 9-Feb-1994 | Los Angeles, CA |
| Navy | Reverend Louis G. Stallkamp | 29-Aug-1994 | Los Angeles, CA |
| Navy | Reverend Sauveur D. Tambourin | 5-Nov-1994 | Fresno, CA |
| Navy | Reverend James E. Cronin | 17-May-1995 | Boston, MA |
| Navy | Reverend John F. Crotty | 7-Jul-1995 | New York, NY |
| Navy | Reverend Francis J. Gill | 22-Jul-1995 | Chicago, IL |
| Navy | Reverend John I Gallery | 2-Sep-1995 | Chicago, IL |
| Navy | Reverend George P. McCloskey | 23-Aug-1996 | Scranton, PA |
| Navy | Reverend John P. Foley | 21-Oct-1996 | Jesuit |
| Navy | Reverend Dell F. Stewart | 26-Feb-1997 | Kalamazoo, MI |
| Navy | Reverend Jude R. Senieur | 29-Jul-1997 | OFMCap: (PA) St Augustine |
| Navy | Reverend John A. Keeley | 2-Jul-1998 | Boston, MA |
| Navy | Reverend Joseph J. Buzek | 14-Jan-1999 | Columbus, OH |
| Navy | Reverend Charles G. White | 7-Jun-1999 | Oklahoma City, OK |
| Navy | Reverend John J. Egan | 23-Jul-1999 | Allentown, PA |
| Navy | Reverend Robert A. Marcantonio | 20-Oct-1999 | Providence, RI |
| Navy | Reverend Kenneth J. Murphy | 24-Nov-1999 | Indianapolis, IN |
| Navy | Cardinal John J. O'Connor | 3-May-2000 | New York, NY |
| Navy | Reverend John V. Boreczky | 23-Aug-2000 | Chicago, IL |
| Navy | Most Reverend Joseph T. Ryan | 9-Oct-2000 | Archdiocese for the Military Services |
| Navy | Reverend Melvin J. Hary | 11-Oct-2000 | Oakland, CA |
| Navy | Reverend David B. Ball | 2-Nov-2000 | Chicago, IL |
| Navy | Reverend Richard T. Peeters | 1-Feb-2001 | Green Bay, WI |
| Navy | Reverend Canice T. Crawford | 19-Feb-2001 | TOR: (PA) Third Order Regular |
| Navy | Most Reverend John R. McNamara | 16-Apr-2001 | Boston, MA |
| Navy | Reverend Eugene C. O'Brien | 18-Aug-2001 | Milwaukee, WI |
| Navy | Reverend James J. Doyle | 30-Sep-2001 | Paterson, NJ |
| Navy | Reverend Walter L. Driscoll | 12-Jan-2002 | Boston, MA |
| Navy | Reverend Cesar V. Buenaventura | 16-Jul-2002 | Cabanatuan (PI) |
| Navy | Reverend Robert M. Connor | 6-Sep-2002 | Boston, MA |
| Navy | Most Reverend John J. Glynn | 24-Aug-2004 | Military Ordinariate (AMS) |
| Navy | Reverend Dennis J. Rocheford | 10-Sep-2009 | Worcester, MA |
| Not Listed | Reverend Monsignor Joseph F. Marbach | 28-Apr-2001 | New York, NY |
| Not Listed | Reverend Brian D. Mahedy | 5-Jan-2002 | CP: (IL) Western Province |
| Not Listed | Reverend Gregory J. Einck | 21-Jan-2002 | Dubuque, Iowa |
| Not Listed | Reverend John R. Labrake | 31-Jan-2002 | SSE: Society of St. Edmund |
| Not Listed | Reverend James F. Kelley | 23-Mar-2002 | Fall River, MA |
| Not Listed | Reverend Patrick J. Grace | 13-Apr-2002 | Rochester, NY |
| Not Listed | Reverend Joseph F. Shea | 10-Oct-2002 | OFMCap: Capuchins |
| Not Listed | Reverend Thomas E. Macleod | 20-Oct-2002 | Boston, MA |
| Not Listed | Reverend Edward M. Tulley | 11-Nov-2002 | Cleveland, OH |
| Not Listed | Reverend Monsignor Walter E. Walsh | 11-Nov-2002 | Shreveport, LA |
| Not Listed | Reverend Anthony J. Wegierski | 26-Mar-2003 | OFMCon: (MD) Provincial House |
| Not Listed | Reverend Lucien C. Mattiello | 5-May-2003 | Altoona-Johnstown, PA |
| Not Listed | Reverend Robert F. Misewski | 26-Jan-2004 | Erie, PA |
| Not Listed | Reverend Daniel A. Lapinski | 2-Oct-2004 | Buffalo, NY |
| Not Listed | Reverend Thomas W. Kelley | 21-May-2005 | OSFS: Oblates of St. Francis (Wilm-Phil) |
| Not Listed | Reverend Frederick W. Ryder | 2-Jul-2005 | CPPS: Cincinnati / Precious Blood |
| Not Listed | Reverend Monsignor Paul F. Bradley | 5-Jul-2005 | Trenton, NJ |
| Not Listed | Reverend Santino A. Casimano | 8-Aug-2005 | Gallup, NM |
| Not Listed | Reverend Joseph S. Spatorico | 26-Sep-2005 | Buffalo, NY |
| Not Listed | Reverend Lawrence M. Lott | 30-Nov-2005 | Mobile, AL |
| Not Listed | Reverend Bruce C. Maxwell | 17-Feb-2006 | OSC: Crosier Father |

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|------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Not Listed | Reverend Todd Reitmeyer | 24-May-2006 | Sioux City, IA |
| Not Listed | Reverend Hugh T. Brogan | 20-Jun-2006 | Washington, DC |
| Not Listed | Reverend Wilfred Donald Fournier | 8-Dec-2006 | Springfield in Massachusetts |
| Not Listed | Reverend Robert J. Riley | 28-Dec-2006 | OP: Dominicans |
| Not Listed | Reverend Thomas M. McCann | 31-Dec-2006 | New Orleans, LA |
| Not Listed | Reverend Michael A. Walsh | 11-Jan-2007 | Paterson, NJ |
| Not Listed | Reverend Kenneth F. Kieffer | 31-Jan-2007 | OFM: (MO) Franciscans |
| Not Listed | Reverend Martin J. Witting | 24-Feb-2007 | OSB: Benedictine |
| Not Listed | Reverend Edwin V. Bohula | 2-Dec-2007 | Chicago, IL |
| Not Listed | Reverend Donald R. Steed | 7-Dec-2007 | Maryknoll |
| Not Listed | Reverend Daniel J. Kennedy | 27-Jan-2008 | Boston, MA |
| Not Listed | Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Hilferty | 11-Jun-2008 | Philadelphia, PA |
| Not Listed | Reverend Donald B. Reese | 15-Oct-2008 | Camden, NJ |
| Not Listed | Reverend Ralph H. Sodano | 21-Oct-2008 | Paterson, NJ |
| Not Listed | Reverend Thomas W. Kuhn | 4-Dec-2008 | Toledo, OH |
| Not Listed | Reverend William P. Dillon | 15-Jan-2009 | SA: Franciscan Fathers of the Atonement |
| Not Listed | Reverend John G. Newton | 8-Feb-2009 | Camden, NJ |
| Not Listed | Reverend Connall R. Coughlin | 2-Mar-2009 | OSB: Delbarton (NJ) |
| Not Listed | Reverend Geno G. Rivi | 15-Mar-2009 | Greensburg, PA |
| Not Listed | Reverend Thomas F. Mele | 19-Apr-2009 | Spokane, WA |
| Not Listed | Reverend Charles J. McCoy | 30-Nov-2009 | Boston, MA |
| Not Listed | Reverend James A. Julius | 18-May-2010 | St. Louis, MO |
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| VA | Reverend Constabile R. Guariglia | 11-Jan-1989 | Lafayette, IN |
| VA | Reverend Martin J. McCabe | 17-May-1989 | OFMCap: (PA) St Augustine |
| VA | Reverend Thomas J. Jordan | 28-Dec-1989 | St. Louis, MO |
| VA | Reverend Hugh F. McGovern | 11-Jun-1990 | Trenton, NJ |
| VA | Reverend Monsignor John F. Driscoll | 23-Dec-1990 | Austin, TX |
| VA | Reverend Patrick Tierney | 9-Jan-1991 | Biloxi, MS |
| VA | Reverend Thomas J. Meersman | 22-Sep-1991 | Salt Lake City, UT |
| VA | Reverend Harold J. O'Day | 1-Nov-1991 | San Jose, CA |
| VA | Reverend Fergus McGuinness | 16-Mar-1992 | CP: (IL) Western Province |
| VA | Reverend Thomas Markos | 16-May-1992 | CSC: Indiana Province |
| VA-Army | Reverend Mac Paul Abraham | 12-Jan-1993 | Birmingham, AL |
| VA | Reverend Matthew Scott | 25-Jun-1993 | OCD: Dis Carm (IHM Province) |
| VA | Reverend John T. McKenna | 9-Aug-1993 | Newark, NJ |
| VA | Reverend Monsignor Peter Paul Hession | 15-Dec-1993 | Jackson, MS |
| VA | Reverend Francis J. Tobin | 1-Jan-1994 | CSSR: (CO) Denver Province |
| VA | Reverend Gerald Theodore Bouessa | 24-Jan-1994 | Green Bay, WI |
| VA | Reverend Frank D. Carpenter | 24-Jan-1994 | none listed |
| VA | Reverend Normand G. Carrier | 11-Feb-1994 | Portland, ME |
| VA | Reverend Michael Leo O'Doherty | 13-Feb-1994 | Rapid City, SD |
| VA | Reverend Gerald J. Kenney | 3-Apr-1994 | St. Paul and Minneapolis |
| VA | Reverend Wilhelm A. Golli | 17-Apr-1994 | CM: (PA) Vincentians, Eastern |
| VA | Reverend William B. McMahon | 1-Jun-1994 | SJ: Chicago Province |
| VA | Reverend Raymond R. Corbett | 26-Sep-1994 | Pueblo, CO |
| VA | Reverend Francis P. Cheung | 27-Sep-1994 | Fresno, CA |
| VA | Reverend Leonard A. Abercrombie | 23-Oct-1994 | Denver, CO |
| VA | Reverend Arthur R. Maurer | 11-Nov-1994 | SSJ: Josephites |
| VA | Reverend Louis E. Copestake | 18-Nov-1994 | San Diego, CA |
| VA | Reverend Charles J. Brown | 20-Feb-1995 | Newark, NJ |
| VA | Reverend Bernardine S. Saglimbeni | 16-Jun-1995 | El Paso, TX |
| VA | Reverend Joseph W. Hoffman | 20-Jun-1995 | CSC: Indiana Province |
| VA | Reverend William H. Truesdell | 3-Nov-1995 | SJ: Chicago Province |
| VA | Reverend Angelus J. Lingenfelser | 11-Nov-1995 | OSB: Benedictine |
| VA | Reverend Eugene C. Kane | 3-Jan-1996 | Cleveland, OH |
| VA | Reverend Marcel A. Ballouz | 21-Jun-1996 | Wheeling-Charleston, WV |
| VA | Reverend Monsignor Raymond J. Kozlowski | 22-Jun-1996 | Buffalo, NY |
| VA | Reverend Peter J. Maguire | 8-Jul-1996 | Providence, RI |
| VA | Reverend Alfred E. Smith | 28-Nov-1996 | Maryknoll |
| VA | Reverend Thomas J. Lynch | 25-Jan-1997 | Hartford, CT |
| VA | Reverend Finbar Hall | 16-Mar-1997 | Los Angeles, CA |

Necrology of priests

| BRANCH | NAME | DEATH | (ARCH)DIOCESE OR RO |
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| VA | Reverend Joseph A. Dagher | 18-May-1997 | Praseidium Program: Religious |
| VA | Reverend John D. Carroll | 28-Jul-1997 | Chicago, IL |
| VA -Air Force | Reverend William J. McPeak | 9-Aug-1997 | New York, NY |
| VA | Reverend Patrick J. Gillgannon | 11-Sep-1997 | Austin, TX |
| VA | Reverend Duane M. Craycraft | 29-Sep-1997 | Lafayette, IN |
| VA | Reverend Leroy J. Calkins | 21-Oct-1997 | OSM: Servites |
| VA | Reverend John H. Millet | 16-Sep-1998 | SJ: New Orleans Province |
| VA | Reverend Joseph M. Gleeson | 13-May-1999 | New York, NY |
| VA | Reverend Harry S. Bilski | 16-May-1999 | Austin, TX |
| VA | Reverend Thomas C. Byrne | 12-Jun-1999 | OSB: Benedictine |
| VA | Reverend Francis J. Reine | 28-Jun-1999 | Indianapolis, IN |
| VA | Reverend William T. Barnickel | 22-Sep-1999 | OFM: Franciscan |
| VA | Reverend Luke N. O'Donnell | 16-Nov-1999 | OSB: Benedictine |
| VA | Reverend Humphrey J. Courtney | 22-Nov-1999 | Helena, MT |
| VA | Reverend Nicholas Helledorfer | 11-Dec-1999 | CSSR: (FL) Richmond Virginia Province |
| VA-Army | Reverend George Stephan | 2-Jan-2000 | SVD: Western Province |
| VA | Reverend Casimir Anthony Pugevicius | 29-Feb-2000 | Baltimore, MD |
| VA | Reverend Paul B. McDermontt | 19-May-2000 | Peoria, IL |
| VA | Reverend Edward E. Day | 19-Aug-2000 | El Paso, TX |
| VA | Reverend George C. Maynard | 29-Mar-2001 | SJ: Detroit Province |
| VA | Reverend Paul E. Burke | 21-Apr-2001 | OSFS: Oblates of St. Francis (Wilm-Phil) |
| VA | Reverend Mark W. Swanson | 7-Jul-2001 | Davenport, IA |
| VA | Reverend Edward J. Barrett | 1-Oct-2001 | Harrisburg, PA |
| VA | Reverend Monsignor Joseph W. Hartman | 11-Dec-2001 | Washington, DC |
| VA | Reverend McKinley E. Williams | 18-Mar-2002 | Richmond, VA |
| VA | Reverend Yvon Rheel Dubois | 31-Mar-2002 | AA: Assumptionists |
| VA | Reverend Frederick J. McCaffrey | 2-May-2002 | Ocarm: (NY) Carmelites |
| VA | Reverend Wallace F. Przybylski | 31-May-2002 | OFM: (OH) Franciscans |
| VA | Reverend Monsignor William M Roche | 21-Jun-2002 | Rochester, NY |
| VA | Reverend Warren J. Freret | 11-Jul-2002 | Galveston-Houston, TX |
| VA | Reverend August Leonard Reemmer | 24-Jul-2002 | Lafayette, IN |
| VA | Reverend George J. Evans | 9-Nov-2002 | OCSO: Holy Spirit |
| VA | Reverend Anthony S. Trenier | 6-Dec-2002 | Milwaukee, WI |
| VA | Reverend Patrick T. Devine | 21-Dec-2002 | La Crosse, WI |
| VA | Reverend Henry S. Kryger | 23-Dec-2002 | CR: Cong of the Resurrection |
| VA | Reverend Francis C. Morgan | 7-Jan-2003 | SSCC: (MA) Eastern Province |
| VA | Reverend Edward J. Konisky | 21-Feb-2003 | Albany, NY |
| VA | Reverend Corbin W. Ketchersid | 5-Apr-2003 | Raleigh, NC |
| VA | Reverend Charles E. Leisle | 26-Sep-2003 | La Crosse, WI |
| VA | Reverend Arthur J. Trompeter | 28-Oct-2003 | Kansas City in Kansas, KS |
| VA | Reverend Sylvester A. Conrad | 29-Oct-2003 | Davenport, IA |
| VA | Reverend William P. Fegan | 7-Jan-2004 | Chicago, IL |
| VA Army | Reverend Alexander Davis | 28-Jan-2004 | OFMCap: Capuchins |
| VA | Reverend John A. Minkler | 15-Feb-2004 | Albany, NY |
| VA | Reverend Lawrence F. Pafchik | 17-Feb-2004 | OFM: Franciscan |
| VA | Reverend Raymar E. Bobber | 10-Mar-2004 | OFM: Franciscan |
| VA | Reverend Lloyd F. Stephenson | 11-Mar-2004 | Richmond, VA |
| VA | Reverend Monsignor Joseph F. Brennan | 6-Jun-2004 | San Diego, CA |
| VA | Reverend Francis Larry Spalding | 18-Jun-2004 | Louisville, KY |
| VA | Reverend Benjamin J. Foersch | 25-Jun-2004 | OFM: (NY1) Franciscans |
| VA | Reverend E. Matthew Turk | 27-Jun-2004 | SJ: New Orleans Province |
| VA Airforce | Reverend John F. Donohue | 11-Sep-2004 | Ocarm: (IL) Carmelites |
| VA | Reverend George M. O'Connell | 10-Oct-2004 | OSM: Servites |
| VA | Reverend James F. Sagala | 3-Nov-2004 | Pittsburgh, PA |
| VA | Reverend Rudolph C. Berndt | 19-Nov-2004 | Davenport, IA |
| VA | Reverend Pascal J. Schaller | 24-Feb-2005 | OFMCap: (PA) St. Augustine |
| VA | Reverend Richard E. Sowinski | 7-Jun-2005 | Buffalo, NY |
| VA | Reverend James F. Kovarik | 17-Aug-2005 | OSCAM: Camillian Fathers |
| VA | Reverend Arthur Devine | 5-Nov-2005 | Wellington (New Zealand) |
| VA | Reverend Monsignor Joseph A. Law | 17-Nov-2005 | Scranton, PA |
| VA | Reverend Alphonse M. Kubat | 2-Jan-2006 | St. Paul and Minneapolis |
| VA | Reverend Daniel A. Schreiter | 7-Apr-2006 | Green Bay, WI |
| VA | Reverend Donald R. Daigle | 1-May-2006 | Portland, ME |

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| VA | Reverend Jose C. Bengco | 19-Jun-2006 | San Fernando (PI) |
| VA Army | Reverend Lawrence Vareedayah | 25-Nov-2006 | Kottar, India |
| VA | Reverend Pius F. Keating | 18-Jan-2007 | SA: Franciscan Fathers of the Atoneme |
| VA | Reverend Paul J. Begley | 11-Jan-2008 | Omaha, NE |
| VA | Reverend Francis J. Crowley | 8-Mar-2008 | Boston, MA |
| VA | Reverend Edward J. Williams | 25-Aug-2008 | Scranton, PA |
| VA | Reverend Victor E. Bertrand | 14-Jan-2010 | CSV: Clerics of St. Viator |



Military Chaplains; Servants of God



TOP: FATHER VINCENT R. CAPODANNO, CHRISTMAS 1966 | BOTTOM: FATHER EMIL KAUPAN

AMS and MCCW: Running the Good Race Together

By CAROL FOUNTAIN

The Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW) has been part of the Archdiocese for Military Services (AMS) from its beginning. Established at US military installations in Europe in 1955 and in the United States in 1970, MCCW quickly became a vital part of military chapel communities, assisting in areas such as religious education, service to the poor and liturgical as well as social functions. After the establishment of the Archdiocese for Military Services in 1985, its first Archbishop, the Most Reverend Joseph Ryan endorsed MCCW, making it an official part of the Archdiocese. More recently, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien said that *"MCCW fills a critical need in our Archdiocese, supplying spiritual and social resources to the members who often deal with life challenges considerably more challenging than their counterparts in the civilian world."*

The Archdiocese provides MCCW with an Episcopal Moderator, traditionally one of its auxiliary bishops, whose role is to guide and support MCCW's Board of Directors (*as well as chaplain moderators*) in its activities. Bishop John Glynn and Bishop Francis Roque served among MCCW's early moderators. Bishop José Madera was MCCW's Episcopal Moderator from 1995 to his retirement in 2004. He served as counselor and friend to MCCW as an organization, and to the individual members of the Board of Directors. Bishop John J.

Kaising, during his tragically short term as Episcopal Moderator (2005-2007), was MCCW's advocate and champion as it worked through the unification of its European and USA organizations into one, world-wide organization in 2006. His experience both as a military chaplain and a Marriage Encounter moderator made Bishop Kaising a natural advocate for and friend to MCCW. Bishops have been attending MCCW board meetings and training conferences on both continents for years.



BISHOP MADERA SHARING A MEAL WITH THE MCCW OF FORT DRUM AT AN AREA CONFERENCE IN PENNSYLVANIA IN 2001.

The strong relationship between the AMS and MCCW continues to this day. MCCW-Worldwide has enthusiastically adopted the Archdiocese's Seminarian Co-Sponsorship Fund as its outreach focus, and to date has contributed tens of thousands of dollars to this effort. In fact, in October, MCCW plans to announce its perpetual financial support to a seminarian scholarship fund named for the late Bishop Kaising. MCCW also plays a prominent role in the annual Memorial Day Mass hosted by the Archdiocese at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Bishop Richard Higgins, MCCW's current Episcopal Moderator, plans to attend its Worldwide Conference in Baltimore this fall, as does Archbishop Broglio. With God's continued blessings and the blessings and support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services and its bishops, the Military Council of Catholic Women

will continue to reflect a visible presence of Christ in military communities by fostering and nourishing women in spirituality, leadership and service and serve as a vital enhancement of the religious support mission of military chapels well into the future.

Carol Fountain is a past president of MCCW and currently resides in Green Bay, WI. For more information about the Military Council of Catholic Women, including its Worldwide Conference: "Let Us Build a City of God" to be held in Baltimore, Maryland October 7-11, 2010, visit:

<http://www.mccw-worldwide.org> †



My Years at the AMS

The Archdiocese for the Military Services opened its doors in the Spring of 1986. Bishop Kenney, Bishop Nolan, Bishop Dimino, Bishop Roque, and Bishop Acerra were serving at that time. Father Halligan came to work from the Nunciature and became the Judicial Vicar. Monsignor Cunniff and Monsignor Ariano were released from New York to join the AMS.



BISHOP JOHN (JACK) KAISING AND
MRS. MARGARET SCUDERI

Archbishop Joseph T. Ryan the first Archbishop of Anchorage, was also named the first Archbishop for the Military Services in 1985. He had been a former U.S. Navy Chaplain who served with Marines. He was a very personable, loving and caring Archbishop. He visited and met with us after each trip to share his experiences.

In December 1987 I was hired by Reverend Nicholas Halligan, O.P., to start work in the Tribunal on 4 January 1988. I had never seen an Archbishop and had only seen a bishop at my Confirmation at age 10. It was certainly intimidating.

Archbishop Ryan retired in 1991, and the Most Reverend Joseph T. Dimino a former US Navy chaplain, became the second Archbishop for Military Services in May of that year. My first encounter with him had been at the kitchen sink while he was the Vicar for Europe. I had no idea who he was, and we began a conversation that has never ended. We always found something to talk about. Each time he returned from Germany he would come around to all the offices and keep us up to date on our military chaplains, and the men and women of the Sea Services. He was so knowledgeable about each of our offices.

The most awesome experience he told me about was while serving the ships at sea. They would lower him down between the two stacks on deck in a litter seat! How do they do that?

After five years in Tribunal in 1993 Father Halligan, now the Vicar General, said the Archbishop wanted to speak to me. I thought I was going to be let go. Instead he asked me to be his assistant. Well, I was back to being intimidated. I didn't see how I could do it. He was the Archbishop! Well, he was the most wonderful boss one could wish for – brilliant priest, administrator – he knew what he wanted me to do, could explain it, then left me alone to get it DONE! With Father Halligan as Vicar General and Archbishop Dimino I was fortunate to work for and learn from these two exceptional religious giants.

After three years in the Archbishop's office he and the Vicar General decided that I would be a great help to them if I worked in the Endorsement Office. I had been so happy with the two of them guiding my days that I couldn't imagine anything else. I was not happy to leave them. We worked so well together. This move was to be all the way down to the other end of the hall!

In November of 1996 my new boss was

the Most Reverend John J. Glynn also a former Navy chaplain. He greeted me with the story of his tour at the Naval Academy. He followed CAPT John J. O'Connor who was not easy to replace. But he certainly did. Bishop Glynn was a most wonderful gentleman and officer (*or was it An Officer & A Gentleman with a little bit of Richard Gere thrown in?*) He also had a very loving and caring family. Monsignor Bill, brother Jim and sister Mary who mothered them all. Boston can be very proud of the Glynn family. Every summer they could, they were “at the Shore” together.

When Archbishop Dimino retired in 1997, the Most Reverend Edwin F. O'Brien was named the third Archbishop for the Military Services. He was the third Archbishop from New York state. Archbishop O'Brien had served in the US Army as a chaplain. I remember Cardinal O'Connor saying at the installation Mass at the Shrine that he was “not only giving us an Archbishop from New York, he was giving us his right arm”. What higher praise! The AMS now had Monsignor Aloysius R. Callaghan as the Vicar General. All of us remember the Memorial Day Mass when Archbishop O'Brien announced that Monsignor Callaghan would be leaving us to go to St Paul's Seminary in Minnesota. What a perfect job for him after all that snow shoveling in Allentown!

And now Archbishop O'Brien is the Archbishop of Baltimore (*the Archdiocese where I saw my first bishop*). I remember his weekly staff meetings and how he always reminded us to never tell someone “no” for any reasonable request. “No” was to be the last resort. He always tried his best to fulfill all requests without rank or title considered and wanted us to do the same.

Father Halligan returned to New York and his Dominican Priory where he passed away in 1997. His brother, Father Raymond Halligan, O.P., is still there.

In the year 2000 the AMS received another bishop—the Most Reverend John J. Kaising, US Army. I could never be sure if he was the most happy with the Army or Cincinnati. He dearly loved them both along with his wonderful sister, Marilyn. He had an Uncle, Father John J. Jennings, who was also an Army chaplain, — he grew up wanting to be just like him—and he did! He joined his uncle in Heaven in 2007.

Bishop Glynn used to introduce me to visitors saying that I made his job easier.

Bishop Kaising used those very same words to visitors. What a compliment!

But isn't that what everyone should learn to do in their work—make other people's job easier? †

Many many thanks to some special chaplains that I had the privilege to work with for 20 years.

FROM THE ARMY: Father Pat Ratigan; Monsignor Phil Hill; Bishop F. Richard Spencer; Father Gary Studniewski; Father John Longbucco.

FROM THE AIR FORCE: Father Jim Barlow; Father John Kinney; Monsignor Bill Charbonneau; Father John Kurzak; Father Zenon Bochnak; Father Chad Zielinski; Father Dennis Hanly; Monsignor Gerry MacManus.

FROM THE NAVY: First and foremost Father Louis Iasiello, OFM, who rescued me from many, many blind spots and dead ends; Father Leo Brogan; Father Mike Klarer; Monsignor Pat Fryer; Father Mike Dory; Father Aidan Logan, o.c.s.o.; Monsignor Frank Pugliesi; Father Dan Mode.

All of the wonderful chaplains made me love the Endorsement Office.
And the Tribunal. And the Archbishop's office.

Four Marks of the Church: *Twenty-five Years of Leadership in the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the four marks of the church with the following introductory paragraph:

“This is the sole Church of Christ, which in the Creed we profess to be one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.” These four characteristics, inseparably linked with each, indicate essential features of the Church and her mission. The Church does not possess them of herself; it is Christ who, through the Holy Spirit, makes his Church one, holy, catholic, and apostolic, and it is he who calls her to realize each of these qualities (CCC 811).

Through the benevolent grace of God these four marks of the Church have been inseparably linked with each of the four archbishops who have generously responded to God’s call to serve and lead the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. As the twenty-fifth anniversary of the archdiocese is celebrated it is appropriate to look back and discover how these four leaders were called by Christ to assist in realizing the mission of the Church.

A Brief Historical Review

The armed forces of the United States were served by a corps of volunteer priest-chaplains prior to the establishment of a specific pastoral mission to members of the military. As the United States and its armed forces grew, the Military Ordinariate, which dates back to 1917, was established as a personal vicariate apostolate of the Archdiocese of New York. In other words, it was recognized as a particular church membership defined by a special quality, in this situation as being a member or dependent of a member of the armed services.

At that time, many of the military forces deployed from New York City. Therefore, the pastoral responsibility for the military became a particular mission of the Archdiocese of New York that was canonically erected in 1939 by Pope Pius XII. During these early years the responsibility of this mission was given to an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New York. Bishop Hayes was the military vicar when John Cardinal Farley died in September 1918. Bishop Hayes (*later Archbishop and Cardinal*) became the Archbishop of New York in 1919 and kept the responsibility of military vicar. From that time on it was a duty that fell to the Archbishop of New York.

Terrance Cardinal Cooke began plans to separate the pastoral responsibility from the Archdiocese of New York in the early 1980s. John Cardinal O'Connor, a former Navy Chaplain, became the Archbishop of New York in January 1984. Cardinal O'Connor helped to separate the Military Services into its own Archdiocese while also making recommendations for its first archbishop.

ONE:

Archbishop Ryan



The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA was created by Pope John Paul II on March 25, 1985. The Archdiocese was tasked with serving U.S. Catholics of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Department of Veteran Affairs and those in Government Service beyond our borders and their families. Archbishop Joseph Thomas Ryan was named as the first Archbishop. He was a former Navy Chaplain who was part of the Marine landing in Okinawa. He had previously served as the chancellor

of the Military Vicariate in 1957 and 1958. He had served as the first Archbishop of Anchorage, AK from 1966-1975 and as second in command in the Military Vicariate from

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1975 until 1985. Archbishop Ryan was instrumental in helping the Archdiocese develop into its own pastoral entity. The offices of the Archdiocese, including all of the sacramental records, were moved from the Archdiocese of New York to the new offices of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA in the Washington D.C. area. Archbishop Ryan was well suited to help the archdiocese begin on its own. His combined skills of previously starting a new Archdiocese along with an extensive background in matters related to the military chaplaincy truly helped the Archdiocese to become one. Archbishop Ryan led the Archdiocese from 1985-1991.

HOLY:

Archbishop Dimino



When Archbishop Ryan retired Archbishop Joseph Thomas Dimino was named as the second Archbishop of the Archdiocese. He was a former Navy Chaplain serving from 1953-1977 retiring with the rank of Captain. He had served as the Chancellor of the Military Vicariate from 1977-1983. In 1983 he was ordained bishop and served as an auxiliary in the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. During this time the Archdiocese began to move out of its initial work of establishing itself as

its own Archdiocese and began focusing on the spiritual support of military chaplains and those they served. This renewed focus on the holy highlighted the need for more Catholic Chaplains in the Armed Services. The chaplain candidate program received continued support from the Archdiocese enabling seminarians to explore military chaplaincy by shadowing active-duty Catholic Chaplains. This allowed seminarians an intense pastoral experience while being oriented to the specific pastoral needs of military personnel and their families. Archbishop Dimino led the archdiocese from 1991-1997.

CATHOLIC:

Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien

In 1997 Archbishop O'Brien was named Coadjutor Archbishop of the Archdiocese and later that year became the third Archbishop of the Archdiocese when Archbishop Dimino retired. As a priest ordained for the Archdiocese of New York, Father O'Brien's first assignment was to the diocesan parish at West Point, NY. He became the civilian



chaplain for the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Father O'Brien was ministering to the future officers of the U.S. Army and found himself celebrating funeral masses for many graduates who had been killed in action. In 1970 he became a commissioned Army Chaplain and served in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne Brigade and the 1st Cavalry Brigade. Father O'Brien was flown via helicopter to provide for the spiritual needs of soldiers. After leaving the military to complete his Doctorate in Sacred Theol-

ogy he was assigned as the vice-chancellor of the military vicariate. From 1983-1985 he served as the secretary to then Archbishop John O'Connor of the Archdiocese of New York. From 1985-1989 and 1994-1997 he served as the rector of St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoody, NY. From 1990-1994 he served as the rector of the North American College, the U.S. national seminary in Rome. Archbishop O'Brien has always been concerned with the spiritual care and Catholic identity of those serving our country. This concern led to the development of a peer-to-peer young adult ministry for Catholics in uniform called Catholics Seeking Christ (CSC). CSC was developed to reach out to the over 300,000 Catholic young adults serving in all branches of the U.S. military. Archbishop O'Brien also led the way to move the Archdiocese into its own building with both office and residential space near the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Archbishop O'Brien was named Archbishop of Baltimore on July 12, 2007. Archbishop O'Brien led the Archdiocese from 1997-2007.

APOSTOLIC:

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio



Archbishop Broglio was named the fourth Archbishop of the Archdiocese in November 2007. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Cleveland in 1977. From parish life Archbishop Broglio was called into service in the Vatican Diplomatic Corps. From 1977-1983 he attended the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy. He served as the Secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature in Abidjan, Ivory Coast and in Asuncion, Paraguay. From 1990-2001 he served as Chief of Cabinet for Angelo Cardinal Sodano, Secretary of State to His Holiness Pope John Paul II, and desk officer

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for Central America. Monsignor Broglio was ordained an Archbishop by His Holiness Pope John Paul II on March 19, 2001. He serves as a visible reminder of the apostolic succession of the ministry of service throughout centuries of Catholic Church history. While this is true of all bishops, Archbishop Broglio's service to the universal church and within the Vatican City-State certainly highlights the connection well as depicted in the National Geographic Special: *INSIDE THE VATICAN*. Archbishop Broglio also served as the Papal Nuncio to the Dominican Republic and Apostolic Delegate to Puerto Rico from 2001-2007. Archbishop Broglio in his installation homily as Archbishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA said *"Praised be Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Let my first words to you be the name of our Lord."* Archbishop Broglio continues the pastoral visitations to military installations throughout an archdiocese where the sun never sets. He tirelessly advocates the need for more Catholic Chaplains in all branches of the military.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA has been under the leadership of holy men who pursued the mission of the one church called forth by Christ and the Holy Spirit. These Archbishops and the auxiliary bishops they serve with connect all of us to the apostles as together we celebrate the Catholic faith wherever men and women in uniform are assigned. May God bless the Archdiocese so that its members may continue to go out to all nations and share the good news of the Gospel. Praised be Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for 25 years of calling us to recognize the four marks of the Church.



ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH T. DIMINO AND ARCHBISHOP EDWIN F. O'BRIEN (1977)



AMS
PRESENT

Celebrating 25 Years of Faithful Service



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA
The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio

June 17, 2010

Dear Senator :

As one concerned with the moral well-being of the Armed Services, I write in regard to the FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Act (S. 3280). Action by the Senate Armed Services Committee inserted language from Senator Burriss to require military hospitals to perform abortions in both domestic and overseas military bases. This is a reversal of longstanding policy, and would contravene our military health care providers' commitment to defending and protecting human life.

To introduce elective abortion in domestic and overseas military hospitals would pressure military physicians, nurses and associated medical personnel to engage in an act of taking innocent human life. Given that abortion is radically different from other medical procedures, military medical personnel themselves have refused to take part in this procedure or even to work where it takes place. Please do not place this very heavy burden upon our wonderful men and women of America's Armed Services. I urge you to support efforts to remove this new language, and to oppose the authorization if it is not removed. The United States is one of the few Nations in the world based on self-evident principles: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Constraining the very men and women committed to defending those principles for the rest of the Country to act against their consciences violates the foundation of this Republic.

Military hospitals have an outstanding record of saving life, even in the most challenging times and conditions. Their commitment extends to the smallest of human beings. Please allow them to continue abiding by these values.

Thanking you for your kind consideration in this matter, I am

Sincerely,

(Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio
Archbishop for the Military Services

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5TH Anniversary of the Holy Father



Archbishop Broglio has furnished the following English translation of the letter he addressed in Italian to the Holy Father on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of his Pontificate:

19 April 2010

Most Holy Father,

The occasion of the fifth anniversary of your election to the Chair of Peter gives me the welcome opportunity, on behalf of my Auxiliary Bishops, the Chaplains, and the faithful, to unite myself to the whole Church in giving thanks to God for the gift of your ministry.

Your learned words, your tireless attention to the duties of office, the search for unity, and your patience with those who write negatively about your ministry are for me, and I believe for everyone, a source of inspiration and an example of true discipleship of the Lord. As we give thanks there is no absence of fervent prayers of support in the hope that Your Holiness might continue to serve the Church and promote the message of the Gospel with enthusiasm. In these days throughout the Archdiocese we have offered a novena of prayers for your intentions

To serve the truth without fear continues to be the advice that you gave already on the vigil of the choice made by the Cardinal electors five years ago. It remains a strategy of life for all of us, when it is easy and when not! In the insignificant every-day concerns we know how difficult it can be. Your example in the face of serious concerns represents a beacon of light for us.

Reiterating the expression of my heartfelt best wishes and assuring you of my prayers, I willingly avail myself of the occasion to confirm the sentiments of my deepest respect and regard for Your Holiness

MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO
Archbishop

The Archbishop looks East

By ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO



"It is a privilege to minister to these men and women and their families. Once again I learned that it is imperative to increase the number of priests available to serve the faithful"

In our hemisphere the sun "rises" in the East. That direction could well describe most of my pastoral visits since my celebration of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday at the Naval Academy. Of course, there were some western destinations, which included a few Air Force "Come be with Us" days in Colorado Springs and the inauguration of the first Serra Club in the Archdiocese for the Military Services at Fort Leonard Wood described in another article in this issue. (see article on page 82).

After a few pastoral visits to installations on the East Coast and a wonderful lightning rod visit to the Coast Guard Academy, which began with breakfast aboard the USS Eagle, I flew to Tokyo on April 27th. There were pastoral visits to the installations at Iwakuni (*Marines*), Okinawa (*Marines and Air Force*), Sasebo (*Navy*), Misawa (*Air Force*), Yokosuka (*Navy*), Atsugi (*Navy*), Camp Zama (*Army*) and Yokota (*Air Force*). Each visit allowed me the opportunity to spend time with fine priests, to become acquainted with the Catholic communities, and to meet the Commanding Officers. There was also some time to meet some of the local Catholic priests and to see a few of the beautiful sights in the Far East. As always, the hospitality was outstanding and the kindness of both hosts and faithful overwhelming!

I was moved at the Shrine of the Japanese Martyrs and the Museum of the Atomic Bomb in Nagasaki, and at the Peace Park at Naha on Okinawa. All give witness to powerful forces: faith, destructive power, human potential for good and evil, and memory. All urge us to strive always for dialogue, understanding, and peaceful cohabitation among peoples, cultures, and religious beliefs. Humanity has made great progress, but there is still much that can be done. Every generation has to recommit itself to the search for lasting peace!

Fathers Keane, King, and Sikorski made a special effort to offer the Catholic faithful they serve on Okinawa an opportunity to give voice to their concerns and desires. I enjoyed those informal sessions, the give and take of the questions and answers, and the obvious commitment of men, women, and youth to their faith journeys.



YOKOTA AIR BASE, TOKYO JAPAN

It is a privilege to minister to these men and women and their families. Once again I learned that it is imperative to increase the number of priests available to serve the faithful.

Unlike the States, the men and women stationed overseas cannot easily drive to a local parish. There are not many Catholic churches in Japan and not many of our faithful speak enough Japanese to be able to participate actively in the Sacred Liturgy, to grow in their faith, or to educate their children in the local communities. The Catholic Chaplains do an immense service for those stationed over there. They are assisted by many fine lay women and men. The communities are vibrant.

Iwould be remiss if I did not make special mention of the Confirmation Mass at Yokota Air Base on Sunday evening, 9 May. The servers were excellent. They had

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YOKOTA AIR BASE, TOKYO JAPAN

mastered every intricacy of a pontifical liturgy and were at my side with miter or crosier at exactly the correct moment. The musicians and choir also contributed to a beautiful liturgy.

Of course, the efficiency and the courtesy of the Japanese people were evident at every turn. Even when my flight from Tokyo to Hiroshima was cancelled, the airline personnel made certain that my transfer from Narita to Haneda Airports was uneventful. Every conversation begins with a bow—even from the agents at the security checkpoints.

Archbishop Bottari de Castello, the Apostolic Nuncio to Japan, also welcomed me to the Nunciature in Tokyo the day I flew back to Washington. It was good to see him and to see the lovely chapel in the residence. Spending a few hours in the Nunciature brought me back to that twenty-five year period that I spent in the direct service of the Holy See. I also had a moment to greet Archbishop Giuseppe

Pittau, S.J., with whom I have a long association from his days as Secretary for the Congregation for Catholic Education.

On my return to the States, we held a race to see how many activities would fit into an eight-day period. I am still not certain who won, but I know that I was not in the winner's circle. All of the events were important, but the highlights included a Confirmation on Friday night in substitution for Bishop Estabrook at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Kilmarnock. Although the parish is in the

diocese of Arlington, it is three hours away from Washington!

The next day many faithful and friends of all of the Installations of the Washington Military District gathered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the first joint Confirmation. The crypt church of the basilica was filled and the celebration was remarkable. Choir and musicians strove to offer their best efforts in the praise of Almighty God. There have already been some requests for another similar celebration in 2011!

The next morning, Sunday May 16th found me at the Marine Base in Quantico, Virginia for another Confirmation. Their fifty young people would have made the celebration at the Shrine the night before too crowded. We began at 8:30 so as to be able to finish the celebration with sufficient time to allow the chapel to be readied for the Protestant celebration.



BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

After the traditional round of pictures it was time to return to Washington for the annual Memorial Day Mass in the afternoon. The staff of the Archdiocese for the Military Services and of the Basilica outdid themselves in preparing for this memorable celebration when we remember those who have given their lives in defense of this Nation. Many, many people flocked to the celebration led by numerous Admirals and Generals.

Finally after Mass with the personnel of the Archdiocese on the 33rd anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood I boarded a flight to Paris. It was time for the 52nd annual military pilgrimage to Lourdes, during which I had the honor of making public the Holy Father's decision to name Father F. Richard Spencer to assist me as an Auxiliary Bishop.

The participation of many wounded warriors from the United States along with military men and women from countries around the world was another reminder of our devotion to the Mother of God and our desire to seek healing at her

sanctuary. The peace of the place, the prayers and conversations in so many languages, and the careful organization all helped each person to focus on the search for lasting peace and dialogue among all peoples.

The soldiers of the US delegation from KFOR (*Kosovo*) were my companions for the candle-light procession. They gave me a wristband lettered with the Beatitude "*Blessed are the peacemakers*". It continues to remind me to pray for them and for all of those whose efforts seek to ensure lasting peace.

The "*eastern destinations*" made the spring's pastoral visitations rich in meaning and a good opportunity to demonstrate the concern of this particular Church for her faithful. They also made this Shepherd eager for a bit of summer respite. †

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ONE OBSERVER IN HAITI

By FATHER ED GRICE | COMMAND CHAPLAIN | 377TH JOINT LOGISTICS COMMAND

I am humbled each time I pass by some of the people of Port-au-Prince, Haiti standing along the streets and waiting in lines at the over two dozen distribution points in and around the city. The majority of the people in the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps literally live under a tarp or piece of plastic sometimes held by four tree limbs to shelter them from the sun and wind. The weather here is a constant threat to the temporary shelters of most of the displaced persons. But the weather is more serious of an issue for the people than for us.

The weather here is very much like a New Orleans area summer and the summer heat lasts all year long here. We take the weather in stride and sometimes look forward to a quick shower in the evening to cool things down a bit. Our complaints about the weather are minor in our list of concerns. I have seen some of the brighter sides to things in the lives of the Haitian people.

I am impressed by the successful efforts I see in some of the schools and orphanages. I recently visited one of the schools continuing to operate while the government has temporarily postponed the public school system.

The school I visited is staffed by

Salesian Sisters and continues operating even amidst the rubble around them! I spent some time visiting with two of the Sisters and observing their modified school program. The children and teenagers were filled with joy to be in school and occupied with worthwhile stuff. By the way, I also met some Catholic Relief Service workers at one of the IDP camps.

The Catholic Relief Services group is one of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) involved in the direct distribution of emergency food items to the majority of the people stranded in the IDP camps. Know that the special collections are going directly to help the people most in need. In many ways we see the example



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ABOVE: THE SALESIAN SISTERS RECEIVED ITEMS COLLECTED BY SCHOOL CHILDREN OF FATHER GRICE’S PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR IN WESTWEGO, LA. | BELOW: BUILDING DEVASTATED BY EARTHQUAKE.

INSERT: FATHER GRICE CELEBRATING AFTERNOON MASS ABOARD AN ARMY SHIP IN PORT-AU-PRINCE HARBOR.

taken from Jesus’ teaching put into action by the caring for the least of His brothers and sisters.

Of course my ministry to Soldiers, Sailors, and Air Force personnel continues to occupy each day of the week. As the only Catholic chaplain presently in Haiti, I have ample opportunity for ministry ranging from the celebration of Mass nearly every day in a different place and the individual ministry to all Catholic Service Members and civilians working here in Haiti.

While we see the obvious efforts of all

groups involved, please continue praying that the Haitian government leaders will be inspired to make progress with the financial assistance offered by the US and other countries from throughout the world. Pray also for us that we will continue successfully completing our humanitarian mission here in Haiti

“On behalf of the Catholic Relief Services, the Archdiocese for the Military Services took up a Special Haiti Relief Collection. The amount contributed by the men and women of the military and their families was \$126,000.” ✝



CHAPLAIN
DAVID F. CZARTORYNSKI

The Good, the Bad and the Indifferent

By CHAPLAIN DAVID F. CZARTORYNSKI | JAMES A. HALEY VA HOSPITAL | TAMPA, FL

As a Catholic chaplain in the Air Force for 20 years I was fortunate to retire in August of 2007. At that time I did not know where the Lord was going to lead me to serve Him. When contemplating my future service, I considered the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) also by serving as a chaplain. That choice could not be complex for a Catholic Priest: I knew that I would be anointing the sick, celebrating Mass and counseling as I had in the military. However, something that I learned quickly in my new endeavor was that my view of ministry at the VA had been naïve, at best!

As VA chaplains we are there to provide ministry to all religious denominations. I accepted the position at the James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa, FL. After three years my position includes: assisting patients on the Spinal Cord Injury Units and Poly-trauma wounded warriors from the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns. I am also blessed by assisting patients with their medical care via interdisciplinary care plan meetings and as the Ethics Consultation Chairman for the Hospital.

Contrary to what one might imagine, it is difficult to remember just one person whom I assisted as a VA Chaplain. Surely, the

mind conjures up many faces. So many seem to blend as a lone body, one individual, yet, one mission — to serve all and ultimately, to serve the Lord. I chose three different scenarios which are frequently present to me as a chaplain. I'm sure every priest has encountered situations like these.

The first scenario is about an individual recently admitted to ICU with chest pains. We visit all new Catholic admissions on the first day. When I approached the patient's room he looked at me and said, 'stop right there!' I explained that I was the Catholic Chaplain and he told me he didn't care. I told him he would remain in our

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prayers and left the room. The family met me and thanked me. They explained that after returning from war he developed into an individual who was almost anti-social, yet I continued to pray for him and the family.

The second case was a Catholic patient who was admitted for a complicated medical procedure. He accepted the initial visit with hesitation, but was open to prayer and sacraments. After his surgery I stopped by to follow up with him. Despite his obvious immense pain, he expressed sincere appreciation for my earlier visit. He expressed an overwhelming comfort from the administration of sacraments, and said outright that his perspective had changed concerning the presence of God in his daily life. He felt he needed to develop a closer relationship with God and the Church because of this one visit. This was a motivation which led many of us to our vocation. One visit, just one, could be the difference of a lifetime.

The third indelible case, which spiritually reaffirms our presence in the VA hospital, was a patient from Long-term Spinal Cord Injury. This patient was always pleasant and joyful, regardless of his daily confinement to a wheelchair. I remember his tone of appreciation when he called us God's soldiers. His amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (*abbreviated ALS, also referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease*) disorder causes muscle weakness and atrophy throughout the body as both the upper and lower motor neurons

degenerate, thereby disabling mind to muscle communication. We received an Ethics consult on the individual concerning palliative care issues. After sacraments and prayer with the individual, it was my impression that he was eager and ready to return to the Lord. As his condition continued to decline, he became weaker and almost non-responsive. He was periodically able to acknowledge the prayer offered at his bedside. I recall sitting in the office before our morning devotion and feeling a sudden urge to visit with him first, before our prayer time. When I entered his room, it was dim, quiet and peaceful. Soft music was playing, and I offered prayer. I learned the patient died while we were in devotion. I knew my openness to the Lord was a sacred-timed response in which I was able to respond to the Spirit to offer a transitional prayer for his peaceful rest.

I have shared with you these three, very personal, very different perspectives on visitation in this hospital. The VA ministry has become my identity, and the veterans I serve have become family. The appreciation is three-fold; not only for the patient and family, but I believe it was part of God's divine providence that I am here. There is overwhelming peace at day's end where I can rest and return rejuvenated to continue in His ministry. When the Lord calls us to follow him, no matter how many years ordained, it is a lifetime commitment. We do not know how we are going to be received, but the experiences I have had, the good, bad and indifferent, since entering the VA, have been priceless sacred events. †

Priest will offer Soldiers Comfort, Prayer during battles

By TAMMY REAL-MCKREIGAN
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Father Brian Kane is a warrior.
But not the kind you might think.

While soldiers are outfitted with guns and ammunition, the Wahoo priest carries a different set of weapons. Outfitted with an Army-issued Mass kit, Kane's weaponry includes a prayer book, rosary and holy oil.

And with these weapons, Kane helps soldiers fight against worry, discouragement or despair.

In 2005, Kane was deployed to Iraq for a year as chaplain in the U. S. Army National Guard. Since then, he has served as pastor of St. George Catholic Church in Morse Bluff, NE and a mission parish, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cedar Hill, NE. He taught religion at Bishop Neumann High School in Wahoo, NE, and after a year, became school principal.

Now, the buoyant, 36-year-old priest is headed back to Iraq, as a chaplain with the 67th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade. He'll be with a larger group this time and anticipates more responsibilities, but his mission will be similar.

"I'll be getting to do the same things I did last time in terms of helping people and trying to help people experience Jesus in the middle of the desert," he said.



FATHER BRIAN KANE OUTSIDE A FOXHOLE IN IRAQ.

It's no small task, but one Chaplain (Maj.) Kane began preparing for years ago. Kane, who grew up in Silver Spring, MD, started attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1991, in part because of his love of this state. His roots are here and his grandparents live on a farm at St. Edward. While at UNL, Kane became involved in the Newman Center, the Catholic student parish on campus, and began attending daily Mass. During those times, he found himself praying and believing that perhaps God was calling him to be a priest.

"I'd be at church, listening to the priest and catch myself thinking, 'I could do that,' or I'd think about what I might say if I was up there giving the homily...It gave me great peace as I thought that maybe 'This is what God wants me to do,'" he said.

He opted to try St. Charles Borromeo in Philadelphia for a year. Every year just got better, he said.

Kane was ordained in 2000 and became assistant pastor at St. John the Apostle parish in Lincoln, NE, where he also would teach religion at Pius X High School.

“Working with the kids and helping them to grow in their faith and helping them through their difficulties, it’s extremely fulfilling,” he said.

After two years, Kane became assistant pastor at the Newman Center, where he said students in the National Guard began their own recruiting campaign to get him to join the military.

Since there were no Catholic priests in the Nebraska Army National Guard, Kane eventually began praying about possibly joining. A bishop encouraged him to look into it and a few months later he was commissioned as a first lieutenant and chaplain. He went to Army chaplain school in 2003.

“I learned the ins and outs of what it is to serve as a priest in the military - from how to salute and march to how to hear confessions in the middle of a combat zone,” he said.

How do you do that?

“You’re very careful,” he said, smiling.

Chaplains have all the same physical fitness, field and basic training as any other soldier – minus weapons training.

“We have to crawl under barbed wire in the middle of the night with live fire going on over our heads to simulate being in a combat zone,” he said.

Because chaplains aren’t allowed to carry weapons, the Army gives them an assistant, who among other duties serves as a bodyguard. Kane officiated at the wedding of his first assistant, Sgt. Erik Zlomke, the day

before they had to report for duty.

“Erik got to spend his honeymoon with me in Iraq,” Kane said.

The men went to the Al Anbar province at Al Asad airbase in western Iraq. Due to the shortage of priests, Kane spent the year traveling more than 5,500 miles by helicopter or convoy. He visited small bases that didn’t have a Catholic priest and small field hospitals, hearing confessions, saying Mass and counseling anyone who wanted to talk.

In November 2005, a group of U.S. Marines were ambushed. Four were killed and many others wounded. Kane and Zlomke went to the field hospital where the Marines were. Zlomke would earn a Bronze Star in part for the work he did that day in helping stabilize a wounded Marine’s condition.

Kane went from stretcher to stretcher, visiting Marines, when he saw one identified as Catholic by his dog tags.

At that point, the Marine didn’t know he’d lost his entire right arm.

When he learned Kane was a priest, the Marine wanted to go to confession, not caring if doctors or nurses were in close proximity.

“They gave us a little space and I leaned over and he whispered his confession in my ear and I anointed him with the Sacrament of the Sick and prayed with him,” Kane said. A Marine on the stretcher next to them was Catholic and also wanted to go to confession. Soon Kane was praying with Marines, regardless of their denomination, if they even had one. He went to the mortuary and prayed over the bodies of slain Marines and those who brought the bodies there.

At Christmas, Kane got some different marching orders. Due to the priest shortage, the Marine Corps commander told staff that

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the priority for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day was to fly Kane to as many bases as possible to celebrate the holiday with the Marines. Before he even landed at the first base, Kane saw two Marines running toward the helicopter he was in. They wanted to make sure he heard their confessions as a line had already formed around the base's small chapel. He had enough time to hear everyone's confession in time to celebrate one of what he considers one of the most wonderful Christmas Eve Masses.

The young Marines, some who'd not showered in a week or longer, filled the chapel with their singing and fervent prayer - just a few hundred miles from where the first Christmas took place, he said.

That was the first of 10 Christmas Masses that Kane would celebrate during the next 31 hours.

At another small base, a Navy engineer asked Kane to bless the ultrasound picture of his first child and to say a prayer for his wife and unborn baby.

"As we thought about Jesus being born, he couldn't help but think about his child," Kane said.

Kane's next stop was the base where he'd ministered to Marines after the November ambush, but by now the weather had turned bad and he'd need to be taken there in Humvee. Kane and Zlomke were 2 1/2 hours late for midnight Mass. They figured everyone would be gone, because no one really knew when they'd arrive. But when they reached the chapel, it was filled with people. And there was a line outside the door.

"So we celebrated Christmas Mass at 1:30 a.m. and slept for a couple of hours and got on a helicopter and went to the next base," he said.

During his first time in Iraq, Kane worked to help those struggling with separation from spouses, children and other family members or difficulties that come with the mission. He anointed people and prayed with them as they died in a hospital - something he'd done earlier as a priest.

But he admits it's different when the person is young and is dying after being in a vehicle blown up by a roadside bomb.

That's when he must draw from a higher source.

"The source of strength comes from knowing that God called me to be a priest and that Jesus promised that he helps us to carry our crosses and do very difficult things," he said.

Kane notes that God asks priests to be shepherds, taking on the complex job of nurturing, feeding, protecting and caring for his people.

"It's very rewarding to be able to do that, to build up great relationships with what I consider some of the bravest and most dedicated people I've ever met," he said.

This time around, Kane anticipates that deployment will be a little easier, because he and many of the other soldiers have been deployed before. Kane said it will be difficult to leave his parishes and the school and he will miss the sense of safety that Americans take for granted.

"We drive down the road without one thought about anything other than a deer running in front of the car and in Iraq you can't take any of that for granted," he said.

But, once again, Kane will have his weapons of spiritual warfare - his rosary, prayer book, holy oil and a wartime-tested faith in God. ✚

REMEDY for BOREDOM, ONE NIGHT A WEEK

By FATHER JOE
ANTHONY



“Rolling up the streets” is not just an expression for small town America, the same can be said for many VA hospitals, after dinner has been served. Clinics and medical departments are usually closed for the evening, as are the canteen and retail store. Voluntary services activities are over for the day. The majority of employees are home for the evening. In short, the excitement of a typical hospital day, abruptly stops! For many veteran patients, the evening hours can be a time of boredom, anxiety, and confinement to their rooms.



At the Kerrville, Texas, VA Medical Center, Chaplain Father Joe Anthony and Chaplain Karen Reed, with the support and encouragement of Chief Chaplain Jack Klugh, developed, a simple yet effective remedy for hospital tedium ‘one night a week’ in a program called “Thursday night at the Movies.” Movies are selected with the assistance of hospital veteran patients, and on a weekly basis,

colorful movie posters are placed throughout the hospital, advertising the ‘flick of the week.’ After dinner on Thursday nights, chaplains and generous volunteers roam the hospital units taking interested patients into the chapel/turned ‘theatre’ for the evening’s entertainment. Fresh popcorn, a variety of chips & snacks, and punch are available as well as occasional ‘home baked’ cookies. A variety of movies are selected for viewing. The Veterans at Kerrville usually prefer classic war movies, westerns and comedies. Needless to say John Wayne, Audie Murphy, Jimmy Stewart, and Abbot and Costello are popular stars. This program, which has had a ‘run’ for over two years, has been a great success, with anywhere from 10 to 20 veterans in attendance. Chaplains throughout the VA system are constantly seeking creative ways to serve our veteran community, and this morale booster in South Texas, is another small example.

This article submitted (with the approval of Chief Jack Klugh) and input from Chaplain Reed, for publication in ‘SALUTE MAGAZINE’ the newsletter of the Military Archdiocese.

From the Field

By FATHER CARL SUBLER



ABOVE & INSET: FATHER CARL SUBLER PREPARING FOR MASS AT KANDAHAR AIRFIELD IN SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN

We arrived at Kandahar Airfield in Southern Afghanistan in July of 2009. I was, and still am, the only priest of the 4000 soldier strong 5th Stryker Brigade out of Fort Lewis, WA. I knew right away this would be a different deployment than my 4 month individual augmentee tour of Iraq in 2008.

The 5th Brigade's battalions were scattered out to various Forward Operating Bases (FOB's), Combat Outposts (COP's), and to smaller platoon sized patrol bases. Which meant to get to all of my Catholics to celebrate the Sacraments I would be on the road, in the air, and on foot a lot (*like all of the other priests serving in Afghanistan*).

To get to some of these outposts, the vehicle we use is the Stryker, which is an 8-wheeled armored personnel carrier. I admire the infantrymen who ride these machines into combat. Our brigade has seen a lot of these vehicles hit by roadside bombs. Nonetheless, the chaplains must go where the soldiers are, so consequently, I have a lot of hours logged in the back of the Stryker vehicle.



“I can remember in Marjah, Afghanistan, I was celebrating Mass at a platoon-sized outpost, and we could hear a firefight between U.S. troops and the Taliban about 300 meters away from us on the other side of some buildings.”

FATHER CARL SUBLER, FIELD MASS IN HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN

Once we arrive at an outpost, I usually check in with the battalion chaplain who is stationed there. Most of the time he knows that I'll be arriving, so he schedules the Mass times and posts the signs all around the FOB to let as many people as possible know that a priest has arrived on their outpost. One of the more challenging aspects of being deployed is to let all the Catholic soldiers know that you have arrived at their FOB or COP. Some of the FOB's have up to a thousand people going in all different directions, so informing the Catholics that there is an irregularly scheduled Mass can be difficult.

Most of the time I can get to where I need to go via helicopter or Stryker, but sometimes at outposts with the smaller platoon-sized elements, we have to get to it on foot. Walking in on foot of course means that you are subject to enemy small-arms fire. Getting to where I need to go has only

resulted in my being in a couple of firefights. Since chaplains don't carry weapons, I just stayed low until the shooting stopped. Then we pick up and continue our patrol to our destination. I can remember in Marjah, Afghanistan, I was celebrating Mass at a platoon-sized outpost, and we could hear a firefight between U.S. troops and the Taliban about 300 meters away from us on the other side of some buildings. One of the soldiers said, “Hey Father, let's move in behind the Stryker that way we don't get hit by any strays (bullets).” Good idea.

The Catholic troops that go to Mass really appreciate having a priest arrive wherever they may be. Because we are so few in number, it takes quite a while to cover all of our outposts. Once the Mass coverage ring-route is complete, it's pack up and do the route again. All of the priests deployed appreciate the prayers from back home. Keep it up until we all come home! ✚

CSC Leader Named Sailor of the Year



PETTY OFFICER MARK BRISTOL (3RD FROM THE LEFT)
WITH THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY AND STAFF OF THE
ORPHANAGE IN DJIBOUTI, AFRICA.

Petty Officer Mark Bristol, USNR has been named the Naval Reserve Submarine Force Atlantic Sailor of the Year. The award ceremony took place a week after Easter in San Diego, CA. One of several key leadership examples cited was Mark's implementation of Catholics Seeking Christ on Ash Wednesday, 2009 at the U.S. Marine Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, Africa. When that small faith group concluded the series another CSC group, with new participants, began. Additional CSC leaders were also identified and trained by Mark prior to his departure.

Mark is currently a pre-theology student at the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio. In the midst of his first year of studies he was activated for a one-year assignment to serve with the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Detachment in support of the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa.

When Mark arrived in Djibouti he contacted the Archdiocese to seek information about recruiting CSC participants in deployed settings. The office of evangelization had techniques for inviting participants at a military installation but deployments present unique challenges. Utilizing the CSC blog and the CSC e-newsletter requests were sent to other CSC leaders in the military who could more accurately draw on their deployed experiences to answer Mark's request for help.

With a better understanding of the long work schedules on deployment, the influence of the command structure and the importance of personally inviting peers to consider participating, Mark began the challenging work of setting up a small faith group. Mark brought CSC resources with him to Africa. He frequently used online video and print resources downloaded from the CSC Group on www.MyCatholicVoice.com to assist with group discussions and leader training.

Additionally, Mark volunteered outside the gates of the camp at a local orphanage with the Missionaries of Charity caring for disadvantaged children. He also facilitated a discussion group of civilians in Djibouti to help participants express their ideas in English. Mark did all this while overseeing the daily operations of the communication systems, comprised of 50 personnel and over 1200 network assets. Additionally, Mark was tasked with managing the supply department and was responsible for purchasing. These are some of the many reasons why Petty Office Bristol stood out among 6000 Sailors.

Bishop Estabrook commented on Mark's distinction stating 'What is most heartwarming is that Mark was selected Sailor of the Year because he concretely and credibly lived out his faith in a high stress environment in such a way that the Navy saw his efforts as an integral contribution to their larger mission. It shows the relevance of faith to our higher purpose: to ensure justice and enhance human dignity. Mark has really been a force in accomplishing that with everyone he interacted with.' Congratulations IT1 (SW) Mark Bristol on being named Sailor of the Year! 🙏

A Year for Priests

By MARK MOITOZA, D.MIN.



PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES WEARING THE STOLES GIVEN TO THEM BY ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO IN GRATITUDE FOR THEIR MINISTRY OF SERVICE.

Last June Pope Benedict XVI declared a Year for Priests. It was designated as a time to deepen our appreciation for the vocation of the priesthood. Throughout the year many initiatives have been implemented to thank priests for their ministry of service. This past year served as a reminder that when the priest administers the sacraments he acts and speaks “*in persona Christi*”, in the person of Christ.

The Year for Priests encouraged us to give thanks for the many ways that priests help humans encounter the divine. Particular celebrations have taken the form of prayer services, novenas, new web sites, blogs, videos, newly released books, retreats, and talks by the Holy Father.

In March Catholic News Service posted an article with an interview of Archbishop Raymond L. Burke, Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura and former Archbishop of St. Louis, who spoke about a new book that highlights images of the priesthood, *THE CATHOLIC PRIEST: THE IMAGE OF CHRIST THROUGH FIFTEEN CENTURIES OF ART*.

Archbishop Burke said, “In these days when we hear very sad news about some priests in the press, it is easy to miss the reality of the priest’s divine vocation, which is a mission to be ‘another Christ’ at all times and places.” He called the book “a profound tool to help deepen an appreciation for the priesthood,” and said he was particularly

struck by the images in the book that show the connection between the priesthood, Jesus Christ and the Eucharist.

In celebration of the Year for Priests Archbishop Broglio gave the priests of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA the gift of a stole to serve as a visible reminder of gratitude for their ministry of service.

The stole is a mark of the office of those ordained. When a priest is ordained the stole is draped around his neck. The stoles given by Archbishop Broglio have the Coat of Arms of the Archdiocese on the left-hand side and a cross on the right-hand side.

The Year for Priests concluded in Rome with an international gathering of priests from June 9-11, 2010. The official end date was June 19, 2010. Visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops web site to learn about how the vocation of the priesthood has been remembered and celebrated throughout the year,

<http://www.usccb.org/yearforpriests/>.

Priest finds his calling in bringing Christ's presence to wounded soldiers

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To watch Capuchin Father James Stump at work is to see a Christ-centered “ministry of presence” in action as a matter of daily routine.

A chaplain at the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in Palo Alto, Father Stump makes his rounds with one purpose in mind: to invite sick and wounded veterans to encounter the living Christ.

Father Stump is quick in his step and quick with a joke as he goes about his work.

Watch the speed limit, he jokes to a wheelchair-bound Marine on the move in the hallway. They chat about the Marine’s spinal reconstruction surgery. But in a moment, without a break in the informality, the priest is praying over the patient and asking that Jesus “show his face to you, have mercy on you.”

And as the two part, the priest, simply says: “Heal up.”

Father Stump does all he can to put the veterans at ease and in a good mood. In doing so he creates an environment where the presence of Christ can become a part of almost any encounter he initiates.

“Just the way we enter a room is important: being a little upbeat, wanting to be there,” Father Stump said.

The Kansas-born Father Stump came to the priesthood late in life. He was a corporate



CAPUCHIN FATHER JAMES STUMP VISITS WITH VALENTINO JUANITAS, A PATIENT IN THE ACUTE-CARE WARD AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITAL IN PALO ALTO, CA.

lawyer until he was about 40 years old. He yearned for more meaningful work, gravitated toward the priesthood and joined the Capuchin community at St. Francis Friary in Burlingame.

The Capuchins assigned Father Stump to the VA chaplaincy to succeed an older priest. He wasn’t sure how he would take to hospital work, but it would turn out to be an opportunity that would lead to the opening up of his gift for the one-to-one encounter.

“If that’s a gift, it’s a gift of the spirit,” Father Stump said. “I feel at ease...I just feel very comfortable being a priest.”

Hospital chaplaincy is a ministry that could easily become as heavy as the illness and

death that surround it. But Father Stump strives to be consistently open and welcoming.

"I sometimes pray that the angels and saints go before me to take care of any problem," he said.

Father Stump is a member of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System's interfaith chaplaincy team. The group includes three other Catholic priests: Father John Coleman, a priest of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the chief of chaplain services; Capuchin Father Richard Lopes, and Father Augustine Koilarampil, who works at the hospital system's Livermore site. Other Catholic assistants include Sister Margaret Keeler, a Franciscan Sister of Penance and Christian Charity; Maryknoll Brother Duane Crockett, and Deacon Louis Charles Dixon. The team is supported by many volunteers, some of whom serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

"It's a great group of folks who are very cohesive, who make people like me feel welcome and warm," said Paul Jordan, recently a patient in the hospital's blind center.

Jordan visited with Father Stump every Sunday during his recent long hospital stay. "His message each week is one that is more down to earth, real life, versus back in the dark ages," he said. "It's important to refer to that, but it's more important to refer to today's perspective."

Father Stump's daily role includes celebrating Mass in the hospital chapel. After Mass, he sets out to greet patients in the hospice and ICU wards, working from a list of Catholic patients.

When he finds a door open to a Catholic patient's room, he announces his presence. If he is invited in, he is prepared to offer whatever the patient might be looking for, including prayer and the sacraments of Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick.

The sacraments are at the heart of Father Stump's ministry, because it is through them that

he feels the power of Christ at its most intense.

In distributing Holy Communion, Father Stump sometimes recites the Our Father and adds as he dispenses the host: "This is Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. This is Jesus, who loves us, heals us, forgives us and blesses us with his peace. Happy are we who are called to this holy sacrament."

In the sacrament of anointing, Father Stump recites James 5: "He should call for the priests of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven."

Father Stump has met many inspirational people through his ministry, but perhaps none more than Gregory Peters. Peters was a high-school All-American football player who was drafted to serve in Vietnam and led a combat squad.

"He was captured twice, and he escaped one time and another time he was rescued," Father Stump said. "He had this mantra prayer when he was being beaten, 'Be still and know that I am God.' We had a banner made and put in our chapel because of that."

Peters spent much of the rest of his life in and out of the VA hospital.

"He always wanted to get better, well enough to help around the chapel," Father Stump said. "He'd pedal his wheelchair over from the nursing unit to the chapel. He was always close to the Lord and had a great love of the Eucharist and the Mass."

The wounded soldier was instrumental in his roommate's conversion to Catholicism, Father Stump said.

"You just think about your little trials and tribulations you go through during the day and what somebody like him went through," he said. "He maintained this great faith in God and love of the Eucharist. It kind of gives you inspiration." †

By MARK MOITOZA, D. MIN.

Memorial Day Mass 2010



The 16th Annual Memorial Day Mass was celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on the afternoon of May 16, 2010. Archbishop Broglio presided and delivered the homily recalling how the 25th anniversary of the Archdiocese provides an opportunity to thank God. The following quotes from the archbishop's homily remind us to seek signposts, renew our commitment, and thank God for the journey that leads to hope. *Archbishop Broglio said:*

"We are on a journey and so we look for signposts. The Silver Jubilee of this Archdiocese celebrates the quarter-century response of the Church to pastoral needs of a particular segment of our society; the military and their families, students at the military academies, patients and caregivers in the Veterans' Administration system, and all who serve this nation outside its borders."...

"Our program is always the one mandated by Christ: like Abraham, the apostles must leave their native place, their securities, their expectations, and reach the ends of the earth with the message of the Gospel. That is true in every apostolic mission, but especially so in this Archdiocese for the Military Services where the Shepherd is continually on the move to visit a flock, which is found in every corner of the world."...

"Therefore, we gather this afternoon to pray for the grace of vigilance and to renew our commitment. Anniversaries serve that purpose as they provide an opportunity to give thanks to Almighty God for all that He has done for us. With St. Luke we walk on our pilgrimage in gratitude for the multiple signs of the Lord's goodness and in hope for the future. "We impose nothing, yet we propose ceaselessly, as Peter recommends in one of his Letters: 'In your hearts, reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you' (1 PET 3:15)."...

Of special note this year were the prayers and petitions of troops from around the world that were presented in a Kevlar helmet during the presentation of the gifts. Military Attachés from France, Great Britain, Bolivia, Argentina, Nicaragua, and Botswana participated in this special anniversary celebration to remember all who have sacrificed so much. ✠

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TOP: MEMORIAL DAY MASS 2010.

**BELOW: ACTIVITY DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS
PRESENT GIFTS, INCLUDING THE KEVLAR HELMET
BEARING THE NAMES OF BOTH LIVING AND
DECEASED SERVICE MEMBERS.**



**MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH,
VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA**

Victory in Europe Day was held in Russia in May 2010. Parades throughout Russia included American troops and Allied Forces soldiers marching through Red Square. In the town of Vladivostok, on the east coast of Russia near China, Sailors from the US Navy participated in the local parade and attended Mass at the Most Holy Mother of God Catholic Church. The parish had been a cathedral in pre-communist times. The parish is now supported by the Mary Mother of God Mission Society. Two priests, both of whom were born in the United States, felt called to serve the Russian people and volunteered to begin the revival of the Catholic Church in the Far East. Learn more about this community online, www.vladmission.org.

By CHARLES L. WESTMORELAND

Mission of Hope

Father Patrick Travers completes seven-month deployment in Afghanistan

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FATHER PATRICK TRAVES RECEIVING WELCOME HOME HUGS FROM LOCAL PARISHIONERS.

Hope can sometimes be in short supply for troops serving in war zones, but that's where Air Force Major Patrick J. Travers comes in. Providing hope is his specialty, particularly during the bleakest of times.

Known as Father Travers the 58-year-old Air Force Reserve chaplain returned after a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan, his third overseas in the last six years.

Though it was his first deployment to that region, Travers knows the routine all too well, having spent time in Iraq in 2004 and later, Qatar and Saudi Arabia in 2007. He volunteered for the Afghanistan deployment, fearing that it might be his last chance to serve troops overseas before being forced to the sidelines.

"I thought that it would probably be good for me to volunteer sooner rather than later, partly because I'm approaching retirement age for the military, and because the need in Afghanistan seemed to be growing," he said Thursday, two days after arriving back in Juneau. "I wanted to make God present in a situation of tremendous violence and evil, and remind others there is hope – in both human relationships and our faith in salvation."

Assigned to the 4/77 Fighter Group at Elmendorf Air Force Base, he was part of a Joint

Task Force under the Army's 82nd Airborne Division during the most recent deployment.

Travers' mission was one of emotional and spiritual uplifting. At Bagram Air Field where he was stationed, about 70 miles north of Kabul, he celebrated Mass – sometimes in a chapel, other times in converted military-issue tents – counseled soldiers and Department of Defense civilian workers, provided last rites to Catholic soldiers killed in action and offered a sympathetic ear to those wounded.

"(Chaplains) give troops a chance to unload about what was happening in their lives, and...to provide practical help and introduce a note of hope," he said. "Sometimes that would be hard, especially with someone who was badly wounded."

"For those who are in extreme pain, it was about being there and offering Sacraments or blessings or signs of support. For those who were in less pain, it was letting them talk about what happened and trying to express a deep interest in what they were going through."

As a military chaplain, his conversations with troops were "as close to absolute confidentiality" as can be found in the military. Some sought spiritual guidance, while others needed a little sage wisdom.

"I'd encourage people to talk to us (chaplains), even if their problem wasn't religious," Travers said. "They could talk with us and know that anything they told us wouldn't go any farther, and we could refer them to those who could help."

Many of the wounded troops Travers would visit, were injured by Improvised Explosive Devices, or IEDs. He recalled one encounter with a Polish unit hit by an IED. Because of the language barrier, Travers

communicated with the Polish troops in Latin as much as possible.

"Some were killed, some were badly injured, and others were less badly injured, and I was with them in the hospital and dealing with the Polish liaisons there," he said. "It struck me because I was administering to people who in some ways were "so different from me, but they were in the same situation and shared the same faith."

Bridging the language barrier was a frequent challenge. Travers would travel around the country several times each month, often to Eastern and Northern regions of Afghanistan. He visited a New Zealand base in the Bamyán province, spent Christmas Eve at a Polish base in Ghazni, and participated in a Mass in Warsaw.

"They celebrated Christmas very well," he said of the Polish troops. "They had their traditional foods for Christmas Eve, and we had a midnight mass."

Military chaplains don't carry weapons of any type, but Travers said being unarmed "didn't really bother me." He understood the danger, and randomness, of violence associated with serving. He also believed in the power of prayer, witnessing a few miracles firsthand.

"There was that sense that at any moment something could come through your tent and kill you," he said. "The randomness of the violence...really hit home." There was one particularly dangerous situation on Valentine's Day when a rocket went right into the middle of a hut and into a hallway, but it didn't explode. Had it exploded, it would have killed about a dozen people.

"There were a number of instances like that. I was convinced that prayer for the safety of people there is very valuable." †

See Prayer of the Archdiocese for the Military Services on page 68.

BISHOP ON THE MOVE

It was my turn to head to Europe for the annual Visitation circuit so on March 24th I caught the “red-eye” from Washington Dulles to Paris. Collecting a leased Peugeot I headed for the American College, Leuven, the first stop on what became a 64-day, 11,500 kilometer odyssey. The “circuit” this time around included the Catholic communities at Brunssum, Heidelberg, Mannheim, Ramstein, Landstuhl, Baumholder, Spangdahlem, Stuttgart, Grafenwoehr, Vilseck, Hohenfels, Lajes Field (Azores), Rome, Naples, Sigonella, Vicenza, Aviano, Schweinfurt, Bamberg, Garmisch, Wiesbaden and SHAPE (Mons, Belgium).

At every installation I was hosted by wonderfully dedicated priests and warm, welcoming communities, some of whom are highly stressed as a result of wartime commitments and diminishing resources. Instead of describing my encounters at each installation I thought I would share with you one of the unique elements encountered by our bishops in our pastoral visits to military communities, namely the “letters” written to the bishop by our Confirmation candidates.

Sometimes I get them way ahead of the event. Sometimes I get them after the fact, and sometimes I just don’t get them at all! Frequently the “Letters to the Bishop” are brief, handwritten and simple. Often they are “cut and paste” with a few common threads. But, every once in a while I get a gem filled with mature, honest and challenging prose written by a teenage candidate undergoing a true conversion experience.

A sampling from the recent European Confirmation tour might serve to illustrate what’s happening in the lives of our young people preparing for the sacrament.

Many begin the process under duress... “My parents told me I had to do this” is quite common. Quite a few refer to the Confirmation retreat as the highlight of the process... “I really felt close to God during our weekend away.” Some discover the awesome power of Adoration and quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament. “I never felt so close to God before....at Adoration I could feel God’s presence and love.” Many experience for the first time, the real meaning of the Communion of Saints and flourish in newly-discovered friendships of a community of faith. Those fortunate enough to participate in the annual Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes are never the same again.... “Then my family and I went to Lourdes, France in 2007....just going on that pilgrimage has changed my life forever.”

A profound feeling of awe is almost universal among those whose intense research leads them to select a unique, personal saint as their role model for this “once-in-a-lifetime” experience. Certain well-known saints tend to retain their popularity among our young people....Sebastian, Francis of Assisi, Cecilia, Patrick, Joan of Arc. However it is encouraging to see some



BISHOP RICHARD B. HIGGINS PREACHING

of the “freshly-minted” heroes and heroines make the list...Sister Faustina, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Maximilian Kolbe, Damien of Molokai. Suddenly our youth discover the extraordinary reality of the power of the Holy Spirit to not only transform the individual but to change the world forever!

A most revealing and affirming truth flows from the pages of these wonderfully honest and aspiring witnesses of the Gospel....not only has Jesus come into their lives but “ordinary” people have touched them and changed them! “Until that day when I met Mrs. Cindy I had very little interest in being Catholic and once even considered leaving the Church.” Yes, “ordinary” people such as mothers and fathers, siblings, grandparents, teachers, coaches, even the occasional priest really matter to our young people! They are searching and they are discovering that He has been there all along loving them and calling them to an intense personal relationship....”I learned... He was the one who placed me on this planet

for a reason....He has a whole plan set up for me” writes one candidate. Another writes “What I had been looking for all my life had already found me, He was just waiting until I saw him!”

While these candid and sincere expressions of our newly-confirmed are most encouraging we must find ways to translate what is often a fleeting experience into lives committed to gospel values, evangelization and service. It is an unfortunate reality in our military communities that the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation is often viewed as the “end” of religious education or a “graduation” of sorts. Changing this mindset remains a challenge and we must encourage our formation teams to explore innovative and exciting forms of continuing engagement following the celebration of the Confirmation liturgy.

Some visionary teams sponsor a period of “Mystagogia” following the celebration of the sacrament. Similar to what is common with the Rites of Christian Initiation (RCIA) this period of reflection helps the newly-confirmed integrate into the full life of the Church. But it will require a paradigm shift in our formation process. “We’ve always done it this way” is the pervading attitude among too many communities and innovation is an all-too-rare commodity. The challenge facing us is to adopt the attitude of “continuous improvement” in our processes. While many of our sacramental preparation programs are excellent we must always ask “how can we do this better?” The result can be an “on-fire” young adult who changes the world! ✚

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PRAYER OF THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

*Almighty God and Father,
look with love upon our men and women
in uniform and protect them in their time of need.
Give them health and stability and allow them to return
to their loved ones whole and unshaken.
Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times.
Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans
who have given their best for the country they love.
Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age.
Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude.
Manifest your tender care to those in the
Military Academies who prepare for future service and
to those who serve our Nation far from home.
Teach us to remember the sacrifices of those
whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.
Bless and multiply the priests who minister
to the faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services.
Reward their generosity and keep them faithful.
Hear us as we present our prayers to You through Christ our Lord.*



AMS

FUTURE

Celebrating 25 Years of Faithful Service

“Auscultabo ut Serviam”



Greetings family and friends of **SALUTE** MAGAZINE!

I am Bishop F. Richard Spencer (“+ *richard*, the *lesser*” as Bishop Richard Higgins is “+ *richard*, the *greater*” – both in seniority and in size!).

Anway, I am very happy and excited to be serving all of you as a member of this great ministry team and family, The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA!

For my Episcopal Motto on my Coat of Arms, I have chosen “**Auscultabo ut Serviam**” which means: “*I will listen that I may serve*”. I have “borrowed” this motto from the late Archbishop William Borders, Archbishop of Baltimore. He was a former Army Chaplain and ordained me a priest for the service of the same Archdiocese on 14 May 1988.

In the past several weeks I have been asked if I was surprised about my appointment by the Holy Father to become an Auxiliary Bishop to the Archbishop for the Military Services? “Surprised” about the appointment? Absolutely! I kept asking Archbishop Broglio, who was calling me in Germany on behalf of the Papal Nuncio, the Holy Father’s personal representative to the United States, if he was wearing his glasses and if he had stopped short on the list with the name of Father Richard Spencer, U.S. Army, when he should have continued to the next name on the roster, my younger brother, much worthier and holier,

Father Robert Spencer, U.S. Navy chaplain. I was assured by the Archbishop that he was calling the “older” brother. Guess I cannot hide my age! Besides, as the Archbishop pointed out to me, if my younger brother Father Robert were selected, then Fr. Robert would be the youngest of all the Bishops in the AMS. By selecting me, the Archbishop remains the “youngest” of all the Bishops in the AMS! Go figure, fewer candles on his birthday cake!

My advice: do not travel to Holy Ground locations of intense prayer, such as I did to Lourdes, France, on Pentecost Weekend where the announcement of my appointment was shared – unless you are willing to depart that Holy Ground a changed person! There I was – attending the 52nd annual Military Pilgrimage where 34 different governments sent their military representatives to gather and pray for world peace. I had arrived in Lourdes from Germany as a “pilgrim, a sinner, an Army SOULdier” and then returned to Germany as a “pilgrim, a sinner and as a Bishop” for the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Veterans and all the employees of the Federal Government who serve outside the borders of the U.S.A. What a deal the Lord

had in mind for this exchange of titles and of profound responsibilities!

My years of service as an Army Chaplain have helped prepare me for these new responsibilities within the Church. I plan to carry forward the gains we have made and what we have experienced in Ecumenical endeavors. We exercise our precious freedom of religion in diverse ways, which illustrate the healthy pluralism of our Nation. We all have much in common to share and celebrate – much more so than our differences – and together we can – we must – strive to live in harmony and peace, and eliminate all forms discrimination and of prejudices that separate us as a people of God.

In recent days I have been asked what I am going to do for the Church? My response: not what I am going to do FOR the Church – but WITH the Church!

We, the people of God have the spiritual gifts to enable us to be a resilient, forgiving and caring people and we must strive to identify and make use of these gifts that reside within us and within our communities. Certainly, there are exciting and challenging times ahead! I am reminded of the charge given by our late Pope John Paul II when he said: “The role of the sentinel,



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who scans the horizon to avert danger and promote justice and peace everywhere, befits each of you.” In reference to the sins of sexual abuse that has tainted our vocational lives as Priests, I embrace the words of President John F. Kennedy when he said: “Our task as Leaders in our (Church) today is not to fix the blame for the past, but to fix the course for the future.” We will as Church get this right and all persons will be regarded and treated as persons of worth and of value and protected from all abuse, harm and prejudices. This is my promise.

Likewise I am also energized further by the words of President Kennedy when he said: “My experience in government (*ie: the Church*) is that when things are non-controversial and beautifully coordinated, there is not much going on.” Again, we must pick up the prophetic mantle promised by the Church and speak for those who cannot speak for themselves and for those who live on the margins of society. We must advocate for a respect for all human life.

“Auscultabo ut Serviam” – **“I will listen that I may serve”**. And I look forward doing just that – listening and being of service to you and with you – to the Glory of God through his Son Jesus, the Christ! ✠

AMS Frequently Asked Questions...



WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE AMS?

The AMS worldwide mission is to provide for the pastoral care of the 1.5 million Catholics serving in the armed forces, their family members, students at the Military Academies, patients in VA medical centers and US governmental personnel serving abroad. It is the only agency responsible for endorsing and granting faculties to Catholic chaplains and deacons in service to those populations.

Archbishop Timothy Broglio is the Ordinary of the Archdiocese and Bishop Richard Higgins, Bishop Joseph Estabrook, and Bishop Richard Spencer, are the three Auxiliaries. In support of the mission, they spend 65% of their time on pastoral visits to over 220 military locations in 29 countries and 153 VA Medical Centers throughout the United States.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FOR THE AMS DURING THIS TIME OF WAR?

The country has been at war for almost 10 years which has placed a very heavy, professional and personal burden on the men and women in the military and their family members. With such hardships they rely on our Catholic chaplains for spiritual guidance and support. At the same time, the chaplains are hard pressed to serve them owing to the severe shortage in their ranks.

In 2001 there were over 400 active duty Catholic chaplains. Today there are only 272. While some 25% in the military are Catholic, only 8% of military chaplains are Catholic priests. This places a very heavy burden on our Catholic chaplains, and results in our military men and women serving “in harm’s way” not having access to the sacraments for

months at a time. A key role of the AMS is caring and supporting Catholic Chaplains in such troubling times as well as seeking more chaplains from US dioceses and religious orders.

One way the AMS is directly addressing the severe chaplain shortage is through its “Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program” which identifies and encourages men in the military to seek a vocation to the priesthood for the benefit of the entire Church and service thereafter as a chaplain. Just as vocations surged after World War II, today’s military is also a most fertile ground for priestly and religious vocations.

WHAT IS THE CO-SPONSORED SEMINARIAN PROGRAM?

With more than 300,000 Catholics between the ages of 18 and 29 on active duty, the U.S. military provides the Church with a tremendous pool of potential priestly vocations. These military members have chosen a vocation that demands sacrifice, self-discipline, obedience, and valor – all fundamental attributes for the priesthood or religious life. In the same way that all dioceses have an obligation to assist young men in the discernment of a vocation to the priesthood, the Archdiocese for the Military Services does her part in inviting and prayerfully guiding those in the military so that they are equipped to decide if they will enter a seminary for a US diocese or religious order.

In 2008, the AMS initiated a long-term program to recruit priestly vocations from the military for the benefit of US dioceses, religious orders and the armed forces. As part

of the program the AMS has made a contractual commitment with US dioceses to fund 50% of the cost of the five years of seminarian education (\$30,000 per year). In return, the candidate and diocese agree that, once ordained and having served in a parish for three years, the priest will commit to serve as a military chaplain in the Armed Forces for three years or more. Currently there are 30 co-sponsored seminarians in the program from 22 US dioceses and studying in 16 seminaries.

HOW DOES THE AMS DIFFER FROM A TYPICAL DIOCESE IN THE USA? ARE THERE OTHER UNIQUE ASPECTS OF ITS MISSION?

Unlike a typical diocese the AMS has no territorial borders. Its mission is worldwide and it supports the military members and their families wherever they are assigned or deployed. Also, there are no parishes which provide a weekly source of funds to support the Archdiocese. Solicitation of funds on military installations is severely limited by government mandate.

Another unique requirement for the AMS is to maintain faithfully and provide Sacramental Records (*baptisms, confirmations, marriages*) for anybody receiving the sacraments at a military installation. The AMS stores over 2 million records and receives over 10,000 requests for copies of records each year.



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AS A MILITARY ARCHDIOCESE, DOES IT RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE MILITARY AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

The AMS is a church entity. It is not a part of the Armed Forces and is not funded by the federal government. It is a “home” mission diocese that depends almost entirely on financial support from individual donors including personal donations from its military and VA chaplains, gifts from military communities, gifts from dioceses, charitable bequests, and grants.

The military chaplains are members of the Armed Forces and, as such, are paid by the government. The AMS must pay all the considerable travel costs for its clergy to visit military installations around the world. They do not travel on military aircraft. The AMS receives very limited support from certain US dioceses and foundations that support Catholic causes.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT MAJOR SOURCES OF ANNUAL FUNDING FOR THE AMS?

- \$2,500,000 (59%) in donations from the general public received by mail solicitations, the website, and bequests.



- \$1,400,000 (33%) in donations from clergy, chaplains, military members and their families, and government personnel. With more frequent and longer deployments and fewer military chaplains on installations to serve families, such donations are decreasing.
- \$300,000 (8%) from foundations that support Catholic causes and eight US (arch)dioceses.

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR EXPENSES OF THE AMS?

The AMS carries out its worldwide mission with a very small, full-time staff comprised of 6 clergy, 3 religious and 17 laity.

The major cost elements of the annual \$4.2 million operating budget are:

- Pastoral Programs (*Vocations, Youth/Young Adult Ministries, Veterans*) and clergy worldwide travel
- Sacramental Records and Marriage Tribunal
- Supporting Services (*Administration, Finance, Development, and Communications*)

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE KEY AMS OPERATING PROGRAMS THAT DONATIONS SUPPORT?

- **SEMINARIAN CO-SPONSORSHIP** – Sharing the costs (50%) of a seminary education with US dioceses for men aspiring to become military chaplains.

- **VOCATION DISCERNMENT** – Identifying and assisting members of the military who are interested in exploring their call to priestly service and religious life by conducting regular personal visits and retreats for them each year.
- **VA CHAPLAINCY** – Recruiting, endorsing and supervising more than 270 full, part- time, and contract Catholic chaplains who minister to veterans from the “greatest generation to the latest generation.”
- **CATHOLICS SEEKING CHRIST** – Fostering, through small groups, peer-to-peer ministry and evangelization among 18-29 year olds in the military seeking to support and deepen their Catholic faith.
- **YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS** – Providing resources to effectively meet the pastoral needs of military-connected youth and young adults dealing with issues such as multiple deployments, frequent transitions, and a desire to find their home in the Catholic faith. †

CONTINUING THE MISSION

We are pleased to invite you to partner with us on our journey. The Archdiocese for the Military Services has exciting pastoral innovations that respond to the needs of our Catholic military family, for which we need your financial support.

The continuation of this compelling mission is through YOUR generosity and support.

Did you know that today's military provides more vocations to the priesthood for the Catholic Church in America than any other single source? Last year almost 10% of the priestly ordinations in our country were men who had served in the military, and another 10% were from military families. This is not surprising as people who join the military have a strong sense of purpose, sacrifice, selfless service and valor. The same attributes we seek in the priesthood.

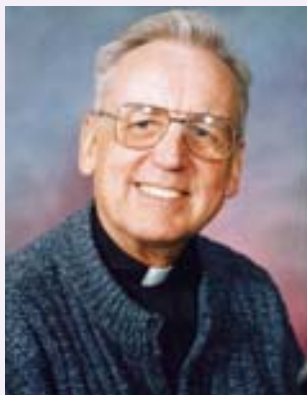
Your financial gift for the programs below will help Catholic service members and also Catholics throughout the United States by guiding more men to answer God's call to priesthood.

Your generous gift can support our vocations in two ways:

1. For our Vocations Discernment weekends, the Archdiocese covers the cost of members of the Armed Forces interested in exploring their call to priestly service. Just one weekend for 35 men runs \$30,000 which includes the airfare, board, lodging and other travel expenses of the participants. There will be at least four of these each year.
2. With the Co-Sponsorship Program, military men who have a vocation to the priesthood will be co-sponsored through their five years of the seminary training with a U.S. diocese or religious order. **The number of Co-sponsored seminarians in the last two years has increased four fold – from 7 to 30.** These men upon ordination will serve three years in their diocese before serving as a military chaplain. †

Father Albert Verbrugghe Took Time to Plan

Father Albert Verbrugghe, a retired Air Force Chaplain, passed away last year at the age of 84 and left a very generous bequest to the Archdiocese for Military Services (AMS). Known to his friends and colleagues as “Father Albert” his priestly career spanned nearly 60 years, and he served the Church in a wide range of positions: pastor, teacher, liturgical musician, translator, canon lawyer, judicial vicar, and military chaplain.



FATHER ALBERT VERBRUGGHE

As a chaplain, Lt. Col Verbrugghe, USAF spent 20 years on active duty “serving those who serve” at bases around the world including: Texas, Alaska, Germany, Greenland, Turkey, and two combat tours in Vietnam. He spent the last seven years of his life at the Air Force Village in San Antonio serving the retired veterans (the “greatest generation”) as their “pastor” while also providing spiritual guidance to USAF trainees (the “latest generation”) at nearby Lackland AFB.

Two people who knew Father Albert well are retired USAF Colonel Jerry Eichhorn and his wife Anna Jane who said this about him: “We will most remember Father Albert for his homilies – brief, witty, and good advice. Always cheerful, he greeted everyone with smiling eyes. As an octogenarian himself, he fully understood the problems of the retirees here at Air Force Village, especially those in the Health Care Center who had lost their mobility. There is simply no way to replace such a devoted priest!”

Father Albert was ordained in Washington, D.C. in 1950. Thereafter, he earned degrees in Philosophy, German Philology and Literature from Catholic University. After spending seven years in parish work in the Chicago area, he volunteered in 1957 for chaplaincy in the United States Air Force. During his service he was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal five times. After retirement from the military, he earned a MBA and, later in Rome, doctorates in Canon Law and World Law. As a Canon Lawyer, he worked over the years in the Tribunal of the Archdioceses of Chicago and San Antonio, and Diocese of Tucson.

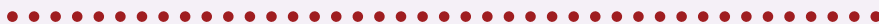
At the AMS, he has been memorialized by having his name placed on the “Saint George Circle of Retired Chaplains” plaque which now includes the names of over 60 retired chaplains who have most honorably served their Church and Country.

Father Albert’s military service and work as a Chaplain were extremely important experiences in his life and for his Catholic faith and it was his desire to help strengthen the mission of the AMS. Prior to his death, he took time to do proper planning to ensure his financial and personal affairs were set up in the way he desired. He worked with friends and professional advisors to create a trust fund that will generate income for perpetuity to support the AMS.

Thanks to Father Albert’s recent bequest and his thoughtful and extraordinary generosity, he has provided the Archdiocese with funds to assist it in carrying out its mission to serve Catholics in the military, their families and veterans from “the greatest generation to the latest generation”.

Planned gifts like Father’s help strengthen the mission of the AMS chaplains serving men, women and families and helping pass on the Catholic faith. For more information, please call Mr. Bill Kirst (Vietnam Veteran) at the AMS at (202) 719-3622 or visit: <https://milarch.org/index/planned-giving>.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen



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For God & Country

We know God gives us different gifts according to his will. In the case of Brian Wood and Anthony Lezcano, seminarians enrolled at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan, they may have a vocation to the priesthood—and to the military chaplaincy, too.

Brian is a second-year theologian studying for the Diocese of Lubbock, TX. He joined the Air Force in 1994 right out of high school, eventually becoming a technical sergeant.

“Military life was the only life I had ever known,” he says.

At times, Brian felt called to the priesthood, but it wasn’t until 2005 that he acted upon the inclination. Encouraged by his mother, Carolyn, and father, Richard, who is a deacon, Brian sought the advice of his military chaplain and parish pastor. Ironically, the chaplain was Monsignor Robert Sable, a priest with the Archdiocese of Detroit, MI.

Brian decided to pursue the call, but that is not all. At the same time, he was discerning a double-call—to be an Air Force chaplain.

“Two things really on my heart,” Brian says, “are the military and the Catholic faith. What better way to put these together than as a military chaplain?”

The Lubbock diocese accepted Brian and he entered Assumption Seminary in San Antonio in 2006, then transferring to Sacred Heart in 2007. He received permission from his bishop, Most Reverend Placido Rodriguez, and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, to enter the Air Force chaplain candidacy program.

The Air Force commissioned Brian as a Second Lieutenant, since all chaplain candidates must be officers. He then switched to the Inactive Ready Reserves so he could continue seminary studies.

Brian will continue his candidacy training this summer. He spent time each year for the past three summers training at different Air Force bases. Now, he will spend three weeks each summer until his training time is complete. The training is similar to a parish internship. He “shadows” the base chaplain, observing his work with the service men and women and assisting the chaplain.

Upon ordination, scheduled for 2012, Brian will become a certified military chaplain in the Air Force Reserves. As required by the Archdiocese for the Military Service (*which co-sponsors the seminarian with his home diocese*), he will return to the Lubbock diocese for three years of parish work. Then he will begin active duty as a chaplain for ten years. He could be assigned to a hospital, military base or be deployed to a battle zone.

Anthony Lezcano’s road to becoming a military chaplain is not as advanced as Brian’s, but his desire to become a chaplain is just as intense.

Anthony is a first-year theologian for



SEMINARIANS ANTHONY LEZCANO (LEFT), AND SECOND LIEUTENANT BRIAN WOOD (RIGHT), ARE PURSUING MILITARY CHAPLAINCY TRAINING WHILE STUDYING AT SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY

the Archdiocese of Seattle, WA, and a self-described “army brat.” Both Juan, his father, and Karen, his mother, are Army veterans. His father served at Fort Lewis in Washington State as a staff sergeant and assisted the base’s military chaplain as a deacon.

“Having my Dad as a chaplain’s assistant exposed me to the ministry early on,” says Anthony. “I saw how much chaplains loved their work. It left an impression on me.”

After high school, Anthony spent almost four years at Mt. Angel Seminary in Portland discerning the priesthood for the Seattle Archdiocese. He left the seminary in 2008 and moved to Alaska to “start all over, to grow into a man.”

After working as a youth minister and parish handyman, Anthony returned to Washington, re-entered the seminary and earned his college degree. His bishop, Most Reverend Alex Brunett, sent Anthony to Sacred Heart this past fall to begin theological studies.

He also received permission to apply to the Archdiocese for the Military Service to enter the Navy’s chaplain candidacy program. He will discover if he is accepted this spring, but all indications from his Navy re-

cruiters are positive. “That will be a wonderful day for me,” Anthony says.

He credits his father and mother, both Secular Franciscans, as inspirations to serve God and country. He also credits the example of Servant of God Fr. Vincent Capodanno, who died attempting to save fellow Marines in Vietnam, and whose cause for sainthood is being considered by the Holy See.

“His is a story of bravery and honor,” says Anthony. “Part of me wants to be in the field with those men, like Father Vincent, and also follow God’s will which is to be a priest.

“The characteristics of the military are all characteristics of what it means to be a priest for Jesus.” ✝

DANIEL GALLIO IS A MEMBER OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND STEWARDSHIP OFFICE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT.

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By FATHER JOHN McLAUGHLIN



A Bright Horizon

I am supposed to write a column on the future of this Archdiocese. It is always difficult to predict the future, especially in these ever changing times. But, as I enter my third year as Vocations Director with the Archdiocese for the Military Services, I can see a bright horizon. This is due to the quality of our seminarians in the co-sponsored program and those candidates still considering discerning the priesthood. It is very uplifting.

Our numbers have skyrocketed from seven to almost thirty co-sponsored seminarians in only two years. The program is also responsible for sending four others into the Capuchins, Redemptorists and two other dioceses.

The expectations of this program were not always seen in a positive light two years ago, but we are beginning to rival some of the largest dioceses in the United States. Our numbers are up and the quality of those young men in our co-sponsored program is truly exceptional. Our seminarians represent each of the Academies, all the branches of the services and diverse walks of life. All are committed to the desire of serving God and His Church.

We are beginning a new phase for the future through the vocations office. On September 30th – October 3rd, we will sponsor our first Women's Religious Retreat. This retreat has been set up for those women currently serving in the military that have an interest in the religious life. It will give them the opportunity to discern the religious life after they have served their country. The retreat is located at the Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, Florida. It will feature a few Religious orders to help the women understand, discern and discuss religious life, as well as the process needed to become a Religious Sister. We were unsure about the success of such a retreat but we are encouraged by the double digit response we have received. Hopefully, this will be the beginning of many more future retreats.

The numbers of those contacting this office about priesthood continue to rise. Our chaplains are doing a tremendous job of locating and inviting those young men to our Discernment Retreats. The chaplains send the young men's names to the priest recruiters or the vocations office. The success of this program depends on our chaplains and they have responded in a most excellent way.

We have also been blessed to have great support from friends in Washington, D.C., Houston, TX, and San Francisco, CA. The support of the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club keeps the horizon bright for the future success of this program.

So, when I am asked about the future of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, I remain positive and very excited about its direction. †

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Fort Leonard Wood makes History

By **ARCHBISHOP**
TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO

On Sunday June 13th, the Catholic Community of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, established the first Serra Club in the quarter-century history of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Serra Clubs have been a vibrant catalyst for vocations to the priesthood and religious life since the Serrans chartered their first club in 1935 in Seattle, Washington under the patronage of the famous Spanish missionary, Blessed Father Junipero Serra. Serra International strives to foster and promote vocations to the Catholic priesthood and religious life and to encourage its members to fulfill their own Christian vocations to service. There are currently more than 700 Serra clubs in 40 countries on six continents with a total membership of more than 18,000 men and women. Each of the 700 Serra clubs is a member of both a national council and Serra International. Since 1951 Serra International has been aggregated to the Congregation for Catholic Education and the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations.

Recognizing both the extreme need of the Archdiocese for an increase in priestly vocations and the potential of discovering generous young men in the ranks of the Armed Services, Fathers Paul Halladay of the Army recruiting service and Lyndon Jong, the energetic Catholic Chaplain at Fort Leonard Wood, encouraged a solid group of lay volunteers to request the chartering of a Club at the installation. Their request for interested volunteers met with an immediate and enthusiastic response.

The new Club was established and the officers were installed at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass celebrated by Archbishop Broglio and concelebrated by Father Halladay and Father James Calasara, a former Army chaplain who regularly assists the faithful at Fort Leonard Wood. Many people filled the chapel and were joined by the acting Installation Chaplain, LTC Kenneth Williams.



INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR OFFICERS OF THE NEWLY FORMED SERRA CLUB

In his homily, the Archbishop praised the initiative and reminded his listeners that vocations are the responsibility of the whole Church. If they are scarce, we must examine ourselves so as to learn why not many have come forward. He also reiterated the importance of having Catholic priests to serve the needs of the men and women in the Armed Services and their families. A nation at war cannot do without priests to minister to the faithful called to serve their country far from home. Those who risk their lives should be able to have the consolation of meeting Christ in the sacraments of the Church.

The Eucharistic Liturgy was followed by a luncheon during which, Mr. Homer A. Radford, USA Council, Vice President for Vocations, recalled the apostolate of Blessed Junipero Serra and the missionary work he accomplished. He also reminded all of the importance of the efforts of the Serra Clubs in favor of encouraging vocations. He presented the new President of the Club, USMC Col. Jorge Ascunce with the gavel and bell, the traditional symbols of his office.

Mr. Steve Earhardt, owner of Earhardt Properties, and Chief Operating Officer of Earhardt Properties, Mr. Rick Morris, provided the space for the luncheon at no charge. Mrs. Nancy Hall, proprietor of the restaurant Andy's Catch, catered the event at a special reduced rate.



**SERRA CLUB CERTIFICATE, GAVEL AND BELL
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The Archdiocese for the Military Services shares the excitement of the Catholic Community of Fort Leonard Wood and praises its spirit of initiative. †

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In a recent meeting with Chancellor Deacon Michael Yakir, members of Worldwide Marriage Encounter's (WWME) Military Outreach Resource Team announced an initiative to offer new marriage enrichment programs for Catholic couples throughout the U.S. and overseas. This outreach was begun in 2003 by LTC (USA Ret) Dave and Lucy Snyder and the late AMS Auxiliary Bishop Jack Kaising, and has engendered many opportunities for couples to attend enrichment activities.

The objective of this Outreach Program is to nurture military Catholic couples and priests in their Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders through the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend or other enrichment programs. Due to the increasing stresses encountered by our military families in this wartime environment, there is serious concern for the survival and health of married couples in the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Since WWME is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world, the communication techniques and loving support of other Catholic married couples have proven very effective. Most importantly, the WWME Weekend and enrichment programs bring much hope and renewal to married couples.

While at the AMS the Snyders introduced their successors as the WWME Military Outreach Team, Commander (USN Ret) Robert and Janel Lange and Chaplain (USA Ret) Joseph Brando. The Langes and Father Brando will be continuing the Outreach through informational communication with Catholic chaplains and expansion of the current enrichment programs. Besides the actual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend experience, the Snyders have written a parish-based, one-day program for couples entitled MARRIED AND IN LOVE... MOST OF THE TIME! After nearly three years of development, this enrichment has been piloted in both civilian and military communities with much success. Robert and Janel Lange have also written and presented an excellent enrichment program that will be included in the new offerings. †



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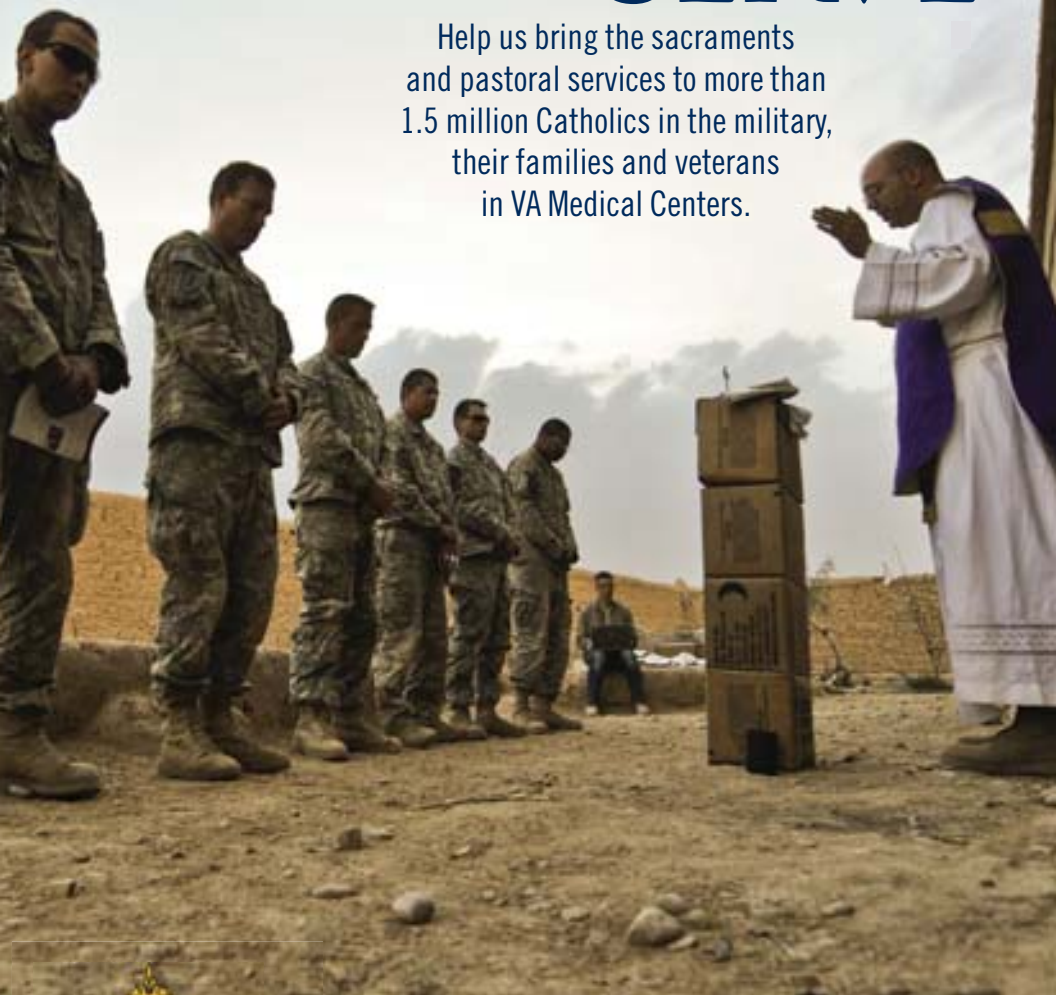
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