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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your leadership in promoting the USCCB Triennial National Collection. This collection, coming up on November 10, 2019, is allocated to the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). Their mission to “*serve those who serve*” provides pastoral care and Catholic ministry services to those Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, those enrolled in Military academies, and Catholics undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs’ Medical Centers in the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam. These military chaplains of AMS are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics.

Unlike a conventional diocese with parishes and collections, the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) receives no funding from the military or government. Therefore, our help is essential toward their efforts to bring the Gospel, sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the Catholic men and women who serve our country and defend our freedoms; including parishioners and families from our own diocese.

I thank you in advance for encouraging your parishioners to offer their prayers and generous hearts to the Archdiocese for the Military Services Collection. Their generosity enables Catholics of the military to be nourished in faith while defending our religious freedom.

In gratitude and prayers for your ministry, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL  
Bishop of Green Bay

Enclosures: Bulletin & Intercession Announcements

*“The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support those in need on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all” ~ Pope Francis*