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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your leadership in promoting the National Collection for the Military Services, of the U.S.A. The Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) Collection will be November 6, 2022. This ministry is to “*serve those who serve*” in all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as those enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, service members undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, and those serving federal jobs beyond United States borders and their families.

It is their mission to provide preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and Marriage in priest consultations. Their mission also includes offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation to those defending our rights of freedom and speech while also facing constant transition and uncertainty. These priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics!

The Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) receives no funding from the military or government. Unlike a conventional diocese, they have no parishes or collections. Priests who are currently serving from our Diocese are Father Michael Dory of the US Navy Chaplain Corps., Father Matt Faucett, who recently began his active duty, and Father Patrick Costello, who will begin his active duty in 2024.

Keeping all of this in mind, I ask you to please support the important work of the Archdiocese for the Military Services and encourage your parishioners to offer their prayers and generosity to this very important Collection which supports the men and women who serve our country.

With hope-filled gratitude and blessings for all, as I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

***“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***