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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your leadership in promoting the National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), which will be held this November 9, 2025. The mission of the Archdiocese is, "*Serving Those Who Serve*," providing pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations.

While the salaries and retirement of military chaplains are paid by the government, the AMS receives no funding from the military or the government in support of programs and services vital to the mission and ministry of its mission. These ministries include Vocations, Evangelization and Catechesis, pastoral visits, Tribunal and Veterans Affairs, and preparation for the Sacraments.

These priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics and there are no weekly collections, so they rely solely on the generosity of private donations to support their programs and services.

Keeping all of this in mind, I encourage your parish to offer their prayers and generosity to this very important Collection which supports the men and women who serve our country. Your support of the 2025 Triennial National Collection for the AMS will bring the Gospel, the sacraments, and other forms of spiritual support to the individuals who defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from your own parish family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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