

“Practicing charity is the best way to evangelize” – Pope Francis



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

Dear Brothers in Christ,

“It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.”
Said by Saint Teresa of Calcutta, I believe this quotation encompasses the theme of the Annual Appeal to Priests – **a gift predicated on love, not monetary amount.**

The Annual Appeal to Priests is not about the amount of money collected; instead, it is an opportunity to take part in ensuring the financial well-being of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). Fundraising is the least favorite part of my responsibilities, but it is an important one, for without enough financial resources, pastoral visits to installations, granting of faculties, and the continued growth and enhancement of all AMS programs would not be possible.

With the AMS’ programs and services solely funded by the generosity of private benefactors like you, **I humbly ask you to consider in prayer making a gift to the AMS in support of the goal of 100% participation.** Even a small donation will allow me to tell donors that 100% of the clergy ministering to the faithful of the Archdiocese has participated in the Clergy Appeal.

The 2019 Annual Appeal to Priests will begin 1 August and conclude 31 October. A gift can be made online at www.milarch.org/appealtopriests or via check; please include “Appeal to Priests” on the memo line.

It was wonderful to see the participation rate of this Appeal increase from 101 priests in 2017 to 219 priests in 2018, a resounding 116% increase. I am hopeful that the 2019 Annual Appeal to Priests will have resound with almost 100% participation.

Thank you, not only for your kindness and generosity, but for your selfless ministry of serving those who serve, at times, in an endless range of stressful, dangerous, and deadly circumstances.

Assuring you of my prayers and heartfelt gratitude for all you do, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Timothy P. Broglio".

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.
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