



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA
Office of the Archbishop

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Memorial of Saint Dominic

Dear Brothers in Christ,

There is exciting news: the first-ever Catholic Military Conference, a convocation of the faithful of this Archdiocese, will take place from 9-11 November 2026 in Chantilly, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C. More imperative is that it will only succeed if it has your active support!

It has been my dream to convoke the faithful of this Archdiocese in order to offer a special opportunity for faith formation, fellowship, and worship for military families. The proposal to gather the faithful now came from the men and women we are privileged to serve. AMS employees and a team of volunteers have created a superb program that will incorporate presentations on the spiritual and moral dimensions of military service, Just War tradition, strengthening marriage in military life, and more.

As you well know, the men and women who fight our Country's wars, and their family members who serve on the home front, must have an opportunity to reflect upon and pray about military service within the context of the Catholic faith. Not only is military service a vocation, but also within the wounds that come from military service, whether moral or physical, our Lord seeks to bring healing and renewal. This conference will provide that opportunity.

My goal is to gather 300 people to this inaugural Catholic Military Conference. I implore your support by attending the conference yourselves, bringing as many people from your military installation and chapel with you as possible, and supporting attendance with chapel funds or a designated offering. I am very aware that chapel funds are limited, and my staff has worked diligently with AMS benefactors to underwrite substantially the cost of this three-day conference so that early bird registration is only \$350 and regular admission is \$400 for active duty service members, active reservists, and their families. The hotel block is also very competitive for the DC area at \$219 per night.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Catholic Military Conference in November and with continued prayers for your ministry, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,


(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio
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