



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA  
The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio

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To the Clergy and Lay Catechetical Leadership of the Archdiocese for the Military Services,  
USA:

On the first anniversary of the implementation of *Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization: Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guide* I am grateful for your commitment that continues to foster the gift of faith among children and families in the military. It is an appropriate time to recognize and celebrate the many efforts of this past year.

Since the Curriculum Guide became effective on August 6<sup>th</sup> last year, priests and coordinators have learned new methods and made them their own. Catechists began developing lesson plans based upon specific grade-level standards and indicators. The Archdiocese collaborated with catechetical leaders to develop orientations, curriculum correlations, and online courses. New ground has been broken through much effort.

I am aware that these new efforts require time to learn, process, and implement effectively. Rather than being programmatically focused, however, catechetical leaders must always remember to begin their planning and teaching opportunities with prayer. It is imperative to listen first to Almighty God so that each of us may become an instrument that shares the faith in the many and varied ways that children learn.

As I affirmed in the decree of promulgation, the purpose of the curriculum guide is to provide a standard instrument for ensuring that the Catholic faith is taught in a complete, systematic, and consistent way in the Catholic faith communities in the Archdiocese. The standards and indicators clearly state what participants in every Catholic faith community religious education program must know, understand, and do at each grade level.

As this new catechetical year begins I am pleased to share that the AMS Family Faith Assessment will be launched online in the fall of 2014. The assessment is designed as a family resource to encourage catechesis at home by supporting what is being taught at each grade level. Additional information about the assessment is available on the archdiocesan website, [www.milarch.org](http://www.milarch.org), or by contacting the Office of Faith Formation. In recognition of the transience of military families this new resource will provide each Catholic family with access to a digital AMS Family Faith Passport. Together, the assessment and the passport will allow families and coordinators to view what has been learned throughout religious education and become better aware of what needs attention.

The past year has been full with many new details. As this second year begins, be assured of my prayers as you continue to share the gift of faith willingly through teaching and example. Young people are looking for generous adults who care about the faith and are willing to share it with them. Thank you for responding to this important ministry of service.

Sincerely in Christ,

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

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