



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Policy

Given the shortage of active-duty priests available to assume all of the needs of the men and women in the Armed Forces and their families, contracts are frequently offered to civilian priests who, with the permission of their respective Ordinaries, are able to serve.


In order to apply for a contract, a Catholic priest must have the endorsement of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). It is the policy of the AMS to grant endorsements only to those priests who will be contracting directly with the contracting office of a military installation. The AMS will not endorse a priest who is subcontracted by a third-party contractor who in fact holds the contract.

In the presence of a serious need in some more remote location, a waiver may be considered on an ad-hoc basis.

Particular arrangements already established with a religious community or a Catholic diocese are not altered by the present policy clarification.

This policy now forms part of the "Minimum Requirements for the Pastoral Care of Catholic Personnel" (1 August 2011).

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