



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

**TIMOTHY PAUL BROGLIO**

**BY THE MERCY OF GOD  
AND FAVOR OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE**

**ARCHBISHOP FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA**

**MAKES KNOWN THE FOLLOWING**

**DECREE**

With the Bull, *Misericordiae Vultus*, the Supreme Pontiff has declared an extraordinary Jubilee Year to celebrate the mercy of Jesus Christ. Considering this time of grace and reflecting on the first words ("Praised be our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ") I spoke in my homily after taking possession of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, in 2008, it seems appropriate to reflect the gratuity of Divine Mercy in the administration of justice by the Tribunal of the same Archdiocese.

It is indeed the mission of the Church to reach out to all people and facilitate their encounter with the Risen Lord in the sacraments, privileged moments of grace. Great efforts are already made to assure the availability of the sacraments, religious education, and other benefits to the faithful of this Archdiocese throughout the world.

Therefore, considering that Tribunal expenses are already greatly subsidized in ordinary procedural administration of justice and no one has ever been denied due process because of an inability to satisfy the financial requirements heretofore in place, I hereby decree the following norms:

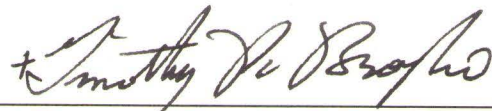
- 1) After the payment of a registration fee of one hundred US dollars (USA \$100.00) there will be no additional required payments for formal cases in the first instance or for ligamen, defective form, or for Privilege of faith cases;
- 2) Second or Third Instance cases will, of course, be subject to the fee structures of the competent Tribunals;
- 3) Documentary cases will not require any payment;
- 4) Once transmitted to the Holy See, favor of the faith cases will be subject to the fee structures established by the competent Dicastery;

- 5) At the conclusion of a case, parties requesting the services of the Archdiocesan Tribunal and anyone else who are able to contribute to the functioning of the same are encouraged to make free will offerings.

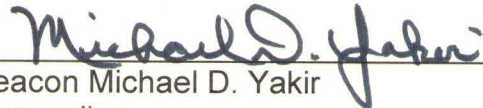
These provisions take effect immediately for cases introduced from this day forward regardless of all other legislation and practice.

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Archbishop for the Military Services, USA



Deacon Michael D. Yakir  
Chancellor

