

Sample statement for civilian parishioners who receive permission from the pastor to speak at a parish meeting or at the end of Mass:

Serving Those Who Serve. This is the mission of the Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA. My name is (INSERT NAME HERE) and I have been a member of this parish since (INSERT YEAR HERE). Founded in 1985 by Saint Pope John Paul II and with headquarters in Washington, DC, the Archdiocese of the Military Services provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces serving home and abroad, Veterans receiving care in any Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and their families. This triennial collection, approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will help meet costs necessary to provide spiritual programs and services readily available in Diocese of (INSERT NAME OF LOCAL DIOCESE), to U.S. military members and their families. Please consider giving generously to this worthy cause. If unable to do so today, you can still donate online through the Archdiocese of the Military Services website. Thank you.