

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

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To the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year on the occasion of the first centenary of the declaration of Our Lady of Loreto as the Patroness of all who travel by air, the Bishop of Rome has designated the Shrine of the Holy House of Loreto as a place of Jubilee and granted the plenary indulgence to all who go there in pilgrimage.

At my request, given that all five branches of the US military fly, the indulgence is extended to all of the chapels of the US military.

To obtain the indulgence, you must visit a military chapel and pray before an image of Our Lady, pray for the spread of the faith and the intentions of the Bishop of Rome, recite the Our Father, Creed, and a Marian invocation (especially the Jubilee prayer printed below) and receive Holy Communion and absolution within eight days prior or eight days after the visit.

There is no limit to the number of times that you can receive the indulgence between now and 10 December 2020.

May this jubilee be a source of grace for all of us, a benefit for the souls in Purgatory, and a cause for renewed commitment for all of us in our vocations. I ask that this letter be read at all of the Masses celebrated on US military installations and posted in the chapel area.

Invoking abundant blessings upon you, your families, and all who serve with you, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio Archbishop for the Military Services, USA

Jubilee Prayer

O God, your glory is higher than the heavens; as you raise us upward in flight let our spirit too rise high and grant us the wings of faith, hope and charity.

May the flight of aircraft be a rainbow uniting men and women of every continent in a fraternal embrace of friendship, solidarity and peace.

Through the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin of Loreto, protect all those who invoke her as Queen of Heaven, so that they may happily conclude their journey among the countries and peoples of the world.

To you, Father, who reign gloriously with your Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen!

Mary, Queen and Gate of Heaven, pray for us!