



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA
Office of the Archbishop

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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ who form the Faithful of this Archdiocese,

For all who protect and defend, these times of uncertainty oblige those pursuing the call to serve to ponder many issues. Consequently, it is my desire to gather Catholics serving in the military to reflect synodally upon an important theme that concerns all who sacrifice for others, 'Living and Serving Justly.' It is a pleasure to invite you to the first national Catholic Military Conference which will be held from 9 to 11 November 2026, at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia (near Dulles International Airport).

I encourage you to consider participating in this historic gathering to pray, learn, and interact with peers regarding the opportunities and challenges present in military life. It is hoped that this first national conference for Catholic service members and their families will gather military young adults, married and single, active-duty members and spouses, between the ages of 18 and 39. The conference will offer three days to listen to keynote addresses, engage in workshops, celebrate in synod fashion, and foster the daily discipline of prayer.

I plan to participate and look forward to listening to and praying with all who gather. Registration and further information are available online at <https://catholicmilitaryconference.org>. Consult with your Catholic priest to inquire about the possibility of requesting permissive TDY for this educational and prayer-filled gathering. Please pray for the success of this first-ever event and be assured of my prayers as preparations continue.

Sincerely in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio
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