

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.
Statement on Anglicanorum Coetibus
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A number of inquiries have reached the Archdiocese for the Military Services regarding Episcopalian and Anglican chaplains who are prayerfully considering full reception into the Catholic Church and availing themselves of the provisions established by the Holy Father with the motu proprio, *Anglicanorum coetibus*.

At present, the Archbishop of Washington, Donald Cardinal Wuerl, has been charged with the implementation of these provisions until an ordinary can be selected and an ordinariate erected. It is the Holy Father's desire that this might happen as soon as possible.

Those who are ordained in the Episcopal Confession are asked to provide the documentation of their academic and seminary preparations to Father Scott Hurd, Cardinal Wuerl's assistant, for this matter. After an evaluation of this documentation and the reception of the individual into full communion with the Catholic Church, he is to cease functioning in his original community; be ordained a Catholic deacon; and follow some months of course work, spiritual preparation, and other training at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas. While there are some weekends of required physical presence, the majority of this preparation is to be done online.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA is ready to assist interested candidates in any way she can. Personally, I have approached the Chiefs of Chaplains to inquiry about some system to allow the chaplain to maintain his commission with an endorsement from the AMS. Thus far, no agreement has been reached, but I will continue the dialogue and my efforts to find a satisfactory arrangement. No one's journey of faith should be unnecessarily stymied due to a lack of funding.

Eventual candidates, once ordained, would be expected to function both for lay communities who are availing themselves of the motu proprio, as well as Latin Rite communities in the Armed Forces or the Veterans' Administration System. These candidates should make themselves known to me by contacting the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, Msgr. Frank Pugliese (vicargeneral@milarch.org or 202-719-3630), or my office (archbishop@milarch.org or 202-719-3634. or fax: 202-269-9445).

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