CHANCERY

The AMS Chancery oversees the application process from priests seeking to serve as Catholic military chaplains in any branch of the United States military.

2024 Snapshot of Chancery support provided:

86 Ecclesiastical Endorsements Processed

74 Lay Leader Certifications issued

96 Celebret issued

323 Letters of Good Standing provided

174 Faculties Granted

437 EMHC Approvals



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*Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) is a lay person who, in certain circumstances, assists in the distribution of Holy Communion.

*Ecclesiastical Endorsement is a term used by the DoD & VA referring to faith groups recognized by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, who have the sole authority to endorse candidates for the Chaplaincy.

*Faculties is a Church document issued by a diocese or archdiocese, outlining a priest's authority to minister within that jurisdiction. Military chaplains hold faculties for their diocese of incardination and AMS faculties to minister on military installations.

*Celebret is a letter issued to a priest by a Roman Catholic bishop or religious superior testifying that the bearer is a priest and asking that he be permitted to say mass in dioceses other than his own.