

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

Serving Those Who Serve. This is the mission of the Archdiocese of the Military Services. My name is (INSERT NAME HERE) and served (or still serving) in the (INSERT SERVICE 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. This triennial collection, approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will help meet costs necessary to provide spiritual programs and services to our service members including those service members currently serving within the Diocese of (INSERT DIOCESE HERE). As a former (or current) member of the United States Military, I have personally seen how these programs support our fellow Catholic service members both here and overseas and the AMS needs your help to continue this support. 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 for your attention today and as all service members do daily regardless of religious affiliation...care for the wounded, honor the fallen, and continue the mission. Thank you.