

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA (AMS)



“As a people of hope we can celebrate and look ahead with confidence. Many would despair when faced with the condition of our world. Yet we know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us. The mission cannot overwhelm us, because it is the Lord who blesses us and sends us forth. No one is blind to the challenges.”

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

Your Vocation Discernment Journey

Every Christian man has as vocation, a call from God, to do some particular thing in this life, to live out the graces received in Baptism. It may be a call to marriage and fatherhood or a single life devoted to service of others. Some are called to a life publicly and solemnly consecrated to God in the diaconate, priesthood, or religious life. Public service, too, is vocation, especially in the military. Not all vocations are mutually exclusive and they often overlap.

Men are often attracted to both the priesthood and military service. This is no accident. Both callings demand the same natural strengths of character: honor, courage, self-sacrifice, discipline, commitment, obedience, and the service of others. It is also true that the distractions of today's world and contrary voices can obscure the gentle voice of God's call. If this is where you find yourself, perhaps this is the moment to take some time apart to pray, listen, and ask questions. This is what a **Discernment Retreat** is all about.

First: Pray. Along with regular attendance at Holy Mass and Confession, daily prayer, preferably in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, is the surest way to discern God's call. This is the time to ask for God's guidance and the inner light to know the path He has laid out for you.

Second: Speak to a priest. Your Catholic chaplain or pastor will be happy to answer your questions, talk to you about the priestly vocation, and advise you on the journey of discernment.

Third: Contact the AMS Director of Vocations. He is standing by to assist you in discerning God's will and to provide you with the information you need to begin your vocational journey.

Bring them the Light of Christ



Discernment Retreats

Fall 2018
Spring 2019

*Paschal Vigil
Afghanistan, April 2014*



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Serving Those Who Serve

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You are Invited to a 4 day vocation discernment retreat beginning on a Thursday and concluding after Sunday morning Mass. Explore and learn about a priest's life dedicated to the service of God and country.

Who Can Attend?

1. Single Catholic men
2. At least 18 years of age
3. A US citizen
4. Recommended by your Catholic chaplain, parish priest, or spiritual director



What Can I Expect?

This is your opportunity to learn more about the Catholic priesthood and the military chaplaincy, to ask questions, and to discern your vocation while participating in an AMS retreat. You will also meet priest-chaplains, chaplain candidates, and other men like yourself discerning God's call to the priesthood.

Upcoming Retreats:



Fall Retreat
Pontifical College Josephinum
Columbus, Ohio
December 6-9, 2018



Spring Retreat
St. Patrick's Seminary
Menlo Park, California
**February 28 -
March 3, 2019**



Sample AMS Vocation Discernment Retreat Schedule:

DAY 1 Thursday

Arrival throughout the day
17:00 Evening Prayer
17:30 Welcome & Staff Introductions
18:00 Dinner
19:00 Retreat Overview, Focus, and Retreatant Introductions
20:00 Welcome Social

DAY 2 Friday

07:00 Morning Prayer
07:30 Mass
08:30 Breakfast
09:30 Archbishop Timothy Broglio
10:30 Break
10:45 "My Story" Presented by Priests/Chaplains
12:30 Lunch
13:15 Personal Time
15:30 Vocation Director's Talk
16:30 Break
16:45 "Fishers of Men" Vocation DVD Presentation
17:30 Evening Prayer
18:00 Dinner
19:30 Exposition, Reconciliation & Benediction
20:30 Personal Time

DAY 3 Saturday

08:00 Morning Prayer
08:30 Breakfast
09:30 Discernment Talk: Vocation Director
10:00 Break
10:15 Individual Meetings with Vocation Director
12:00 Lunch
13:00 Personal Time
15:00 Seminarian Panel Discussion
16:00 Break
16:15 Chaplain's Panel – Q & A
17:00 Mass
18:00 Dinner
20:15 Evening Prayer
20:30 Farewell Social

DAY 4 Sunday

07:00 Mass
08:00 Breakfast

Departures throughout the day



"We are distracted by many things, by other more superficial voices ... We are afraid to listen to the voice of the Lord because we believe it can detract from our freedom. The truth is that each of us is the fruit of love ... the love of God. When we become aware of this our lives change; they become a response to that love which is greater than any other, and thus our freedom is fully realized."

- Pope Benedict XVI

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