



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
**OF CHARLESTON**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to ask for your support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, as part of the Diocese of Charleston's participation in the 2019 Triennial National Collection.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was established by Pope St. John Paul II in 1985 to provide pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is, "Serving Those Who Serve," ministering to those enrolled in U.S. military academies, undergoing treatment at Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and all their families of these populations. This includes members of our own diocese.

While the salaries and retirement of military chaplains are paid for by the government, the Archdiocese for the Military Services receives no funding from the military or the government in support of its programs and services, including vocations, evangelization and catechesis, sacramental records, tribunal and veterans affairs.

Unlike a conventional diocese, the Archdiocese for the Military Services has no parishes or parish registries, nor does it have weekly collections. It relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.

Your support of the 2019 Triennial National Collection will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our country and defend our freedoms.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo  
Bishop of Charleston

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The collection date for the Diocese of Charleston is Nov. 10, 2019.