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IN ONE ACCORD

Pope Francis greets Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, at the Vatican 28 November 2022.

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Dear Friends of the Archdiocese,



Today is the first day of autumn and the weather service (notoriously inaccurate in Washington, D.C.) has promised cooler weather after the temperatures in the high 90's -80's of late. I hope that this news is true!

I am a child of temperate climate zones and so I am always ready for the new season when it arrives—yes, even winter!

Unlike many past summers, this year's summer was filled with a number of activities for many on the staff of the archdiocese. Of course, summer is always a time to prepare for the next pastoral year. It would seem that the end of August comes more quickly every year!

Delightful events in June allowed the AMS, friends, and family to observe the belated celebrations for the XXV sacerdotal jubilees of Bishops Buckon, Muhm, and Coffey. At least they have only been ordained priests twenty-seven and twenty-six years respectively. Please remember them in your prayers.

The issue will reach you before the snow begins to fly in the north as we prepare for the annual benefit and Thanksgiving. It is a delightful time of the year.

These past months have witnessed the passing of an era with the end of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and the renewed horrors of war in Ukraine. Together we pray that men and women of goodwill and common sense will end the madness of war and sow the seeds of dialogue among Nations.

These pages will illustrate pastoral activity over the past few months, a return to a more normal pace in the life of the archdiocese, a few memorable events, and an opportunity to meet one of the new co-sponsored seminarians.

I hope that you will enjoy this issue of *Salute*. Thanking you for your continued support, I wish you abundant blessings.

Sincerely in Christ,

The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, *Archbishop*



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A WORLD RE-OPENING

BY ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO

After a hiatus of three years, the International Military Pilgrimage (PMI) to Lourdes took place in mid-May, and, while it did not gather the number of pilgrims as it had in the past, it was still an important witness to a shared faith and a deep desire for world peace. The presence of a small delegation from Ukraine, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, invited us to beg even more fervently for peace. They were warmly applauded at each event.

The U.S. delegation profited from the preparation, organization, and support of the Knights of Columbus and came from both Europe and the United States. Moments of prayer, procession, and dialogue marked the very full days spent in the city and sanctuary so often called the “heart of the Church.” Cardinal Péter Erdő, the Archbishop of Esztergom-Budapest and



**ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO DISTRIBUTING COMMUNION
AT THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY PILGRIMAGE IN LOURDES.**

Primate of Hungary presided and preached at the closing Mass on Sunday morning, 15 May. The faith and fellowship meetings each evening at one of the hotels completed the liturgical gatherings and the moments of devotion at the shrine.

Between the PMI and the annual Memorial Mass, I celebrated three confirmations—none of them related to the AMS. The final one on the vigil of the Memorial Mass was for the French parish in New York City where the pastor, Father Karl Lindblad, had been both a Navy and a VA chaplain. It was good to engage the French-speaking youth and complete their initiation into the Catholic Church and chat with their families.

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The week after the Memorial Mass found me confirming every night of the week until the newly co-sponsored seminarians arrived for their orientation. We decided that next year, a summer weekend will be chosen for this activity so that I might be able to dedicate more time to them.

Unfortunately, three funerals marked this quarter for me. My

ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO RECEIVING PRAYER INTENTIONS AT THE 28TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS HELD AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

beloved superior, Angelo Cardinal Sodano, Secretary of State-emeritus, passed away and his funeral was on 31 May. It was an honor to concelebrate his funeral Mass and I saw many old friends, even though sometimes it was hard to recognize people because masks were still required in St. Peter's Basilica. I arrived the morning of the funeral and left the next morning. I do not think that my body ever knew that it crossed the Atlantic.

My oldest nephew passed away at the end of June and his father's pilgrimage through life ended on Labor Day. I also shared the grief of the Diocese of Colorado Springs as they said farewell to Bishop Michael Sheridan, who had always been a good friend to the AMS. These were terrible losses, but we are a people of hope. The Resurrected Lord's victory over sin and death takes on new meaning in these dire circumstances.

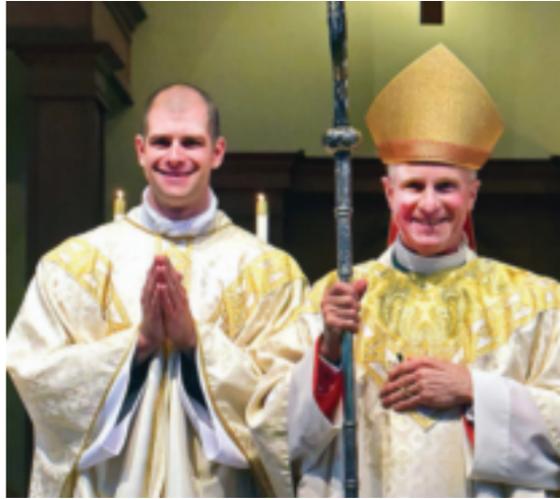
A high mark in these weeks was the ordination of six co-sponsored seminarians to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Bishop Spencer represented the AMS at the ordination of Father Liam O'Shea-Creal in Lincoln, NE,

and Bishop Coffey at Father Peter St George's in Arlington, VA. Savannah welcomed me for Father William Cook's ordination and Lansing for that of Father Peter Ludwig.

An unusual event occurred on the occasion of the ordination of Father Darren Balkey and his classmate, Father Aaron Huber, in the Diocese of Charlotte. On the morning of the ordination, the Bishop called and asked if I would ordain the candidates because he was indisposed. While I was very sorry that he could not be present, I was happy to ordain a future Navy chaplain and told his classmate that I would be happy to welcome him on board as well.

At the end of June, I participated in the alumni reunion of the North American College, my alma mater, and then went to the ordination of Father Bradley Easterbrooks. The joy of that occasion was mitigated by the untimely death of his father the morning after the ordination. He passed away knowing that his son had been ordained a priest.

After celebrating a Mass at the Catholic University of America for a program that brings high school students to campus, I boarded a plane for Frankfurt and the beginning of some brief pastoral visits to Ramstein Air Base, Spangdahlem Air Base, Landstuhl Hospital, Daenner, Kaserne, Sembach, and Panzer Installations. The flight to Germany was late, but I still managed to celebrate the 1 p.m. Mass at the main chapel at Ramstein. The priests in Germany, Fathers Joseph Deichert (Bismarck), Mario Catungal



ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO WITH NEWLY ORDAINED FATHER DARREN BALKEY.

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L-R: LT GEN STEVEN L. BASHAM, USAF, ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO, AND LT GEN JOHN D. LAMONTAGNE, USAF DURING HIS VISIT TO RAMSTEIN GERMANY.

(Carmelite), Joseph Idomele (Kano, Nigeria), Son Nguyen (Society of the Divine Word, Vietnam), Jeremi Wodecki (Charleston) and Przemslaw Nowak (Paterson) aided by the Knights of Columbus and others made certain that the time was profitable and pleasant. There was even time to be humiliated on the tennis courts on several occasions by a high schooler.

In late July, I also helped the Peruvians celebrate their National Day with a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The Napa Institute invited me to their annual gathering and I was pleased to participate. There were some excellent

speakers and a number of opportunities to visit with old friends and make new ones. Of course, the abundance of wine made the gatherings joyful.

From Napa, I flew to Nashville for the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. It was the first in-person convention since 2019 and the Knights were happy to be together. Bishop Mark Spalding included a sampling of Jack Daniels in the diocesan welcome package so that we would be certain to remember the Tennessee location.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly impressed all of us with the activities of the K of C over the past year. Their efforts at charity and fraternity are

extremely impressive. Brother Knights cared for the poor domestically and responded to the plight of the refugees in Ukraine as well. They continue to offer tremendous annual support to the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program.

Summertime also offered the priests at the AMS and me the opportunity to

celebrate weekend Masses at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling. They were between GS priests and it was our privilege to hear confessions and celebrate Sunday Masses. Both Father Rutherford and I celebrated baptisms as well.

The Army resumed its custom of offering two retreats (“professional training”). Bishop Muhm preached the one in Garmisch in late November. I spent a few enjoyable days at Bethany retreat house in Lutz, Florida in early August. The warm welcome from the priests and the opportunity to speak and pray with them made the days pleasant and profitable. The AMS is blessed to have many dedicated priests. By the way, the weather was better in Florida those days than it was in Washington, D.C.

The seminarians gathered over Labor Day and it was good to be enlivened by their presence, youthful enthusiasm, and boundless zeal. This year Vocation Director Father Matthew Gray tried something new: a combat dining-in. The seminarians enjoyed themselves and showed their appreciation by thoroughly soaking Father Gray. It gave new meaning to “if you dish it out, you have to take it!”



ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO GREETING CONGREGANTS AFTER THE SEA SERVICES MASS HELD AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON SHRINE IN EMMITSBURG.

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The annual Memorial Mass for Father Capodanno had a somber note this year. The Theological Commission of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints recommended suspending the Cause. The Postulator is working on supplementing the information. It is a roadblock, but not a definitive end to the efforts to raise this exemplary chaplain to the altars to serve as an inspiration for all men and women who sacrifice themselves for others.

The Mass itself was animated by the Catholic choir of the Naval Academy. Their voices reminded all of us of the heavenly choirs! However, the pizza consumed afterwards reminded us that they have good earthly appetites!

Speaking of Annapolis, the special Eucharistic Year closed there on Sunday 18 September. The usual Sunday Mass concluded with a procession in which I carried the Blessed Sacrament to the Catholic chapel in Bancroft Hall. It was moving to carry our Blessed Lord from the chapel through the yard. I prayed that He would bless the campus and those who study and work there.

Again the AMS offered virtual convocations for the catechists on 22 September. This opportunity is a good one for an archdiocese that spans the globe. These virtual encounters were followed by an in-person gathering at St. Mary's and Charles Borromeo Seminaries in Cleveland. It was good to celebrate Mass with the seminary community and guests. Funds were raised for the mission of the AMS, but more importantly, contacts were renewed and a fine community gathered to pray for those who serve the Nation.

I concluded that trip to Cleveland by continuing on to New Ulm, Minnesota where Bishop Chad Zielinski, a former Air Force chaplain, was installed as the new bishop of the diocese. A warm Midwestern welcome made everyone feel at home at once. Bishop Zielinski's eloquent embrace of his new mission certainly renewed the missionary spirit in all of us and must have endeared him to his new flock at once.

Later that week 26 young men gathered for the fall discernment retreat at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. The time was well-spent and the group was impressive. It would be a blessing to have any and all of them in the chaplain corps of the future. May the Lord inspire their discernment.

The Sea Services Mass that Sunday brought me down to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg. It was good to return and to celebrate that important Mass to pray for the welfare and safety of those who serve in the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine. The Catholic choir from the Naval Academy prayed twice with their beautiful voices lifted up in song.

Of course, the co-sponsored deacons and seminarians served the Mass and enjoyed dinner afterwards. The future is filled with hope!

After a week of zoom meetings, I was happy to board planes to return to Cleveland for the Canon Law Society of America Convention. There were several interesting talks and I also managed a visit to the third-largest VA Medical Center in the U.S. There Father George Varkey (Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales) accompanied me to visit some patients in the spinal unit. One man, in particular, inspired me with his attitude. Despite being bedridden, he was positive and preparing to meet the Lord. I also celebrated the daily Mass there and met briefly with the Chief Chaplain and an administrator.

Finally, Ohio is again my venue as I finish these lines. This time I am in Cincinnati to preach the retreat for the seminarians of Mt. St. Mary's of the West. It is a blessing to spend some time with these fine young men. I hope that something I say is useful for them.



**BISHOP SPENCER'S
ADORATION CHAPEL**



REVIVAL TIME

BY BISHOP F. RICHARD SPENCER

Webster's dictionary describes REVIVAL "as an improvement in the strength of something". For us Catholics the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has determined it is time for Eucharistic Revival! A biblical definition helps us understand the need and purpose of a revival: for it is the "awakening or quickening of God's people to their true nature and purpose." We are a Eucharistic people!

In the Eastern Vicariate of this Archdiocese for the Military Services, the emphasis for my visits to the chapels this fall 2022 and spring 2023 will be the Eucharistic revival. We will be joining Archbishop Broglio and the entire AMS family in making vibrant a three-year Eucharistic Revival. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, 19 June, marked the official beginning of the revival throughout the United States. All of our military Chapels are encouraged to host events with a Eucharistic focus during the coming pastoral year. During my travels around the vicariate this

summer, I heard from many of you sharing creative ideas for how our chapels and families might organize events such as a one-day Eucharistic Congress, a day for formation and vocations, and days of prayer and reflection.

Recent editions of the *Salute* have already provided many ideas for how we all can be a part of this revival. Also, I highly recommend that you review the AMS website for additional ideas and resources. This summer many often asked me to comment on my personal preparations for the Eucharistic revival. I responded by telling them that I have prepared space for Eucharistic adoration in the parish rectory where I reside. This important space allows for quiet prayer, reflection, and meditation on the joys and values of the Eucharist.

My visits to several basic trainee centers and schools highlighted other moments of my summer.

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**LEFT: BASIC TRAINING STUDENTS, FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA.
RIGHT: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, MINOT AFB, NORTH DAKOTA.**

Masses there are always very well attended. Sometimes more than a thousand trainees will attend Sunday Mass. In the picture above (left), are all of the “altar servers and ushers” needed to help organize the 900+ trainees who gathered at the usual Sunday morning Mass at Fort Jackson, which is held in a large auditorium.

Since there were only a few confirmation Masses this past summer, I also was invited to celebrate several first Holy Communion Masses. These events bring special joy and are grace-filled

moments as I witness these young people receiving their first Holy Communion, such as at Minot USAF Base, in North Dakota along with Father Ryan Boyle above (right).

As our Eucharistic Revival has begun, may the Lord inspire in us ways to celebrate the sacraments with increased devotion and zeal. In Heaven, worries reach their expiration date. Worries end where faith begins. Remain focused on the Eucharist and enjoy the fruits of the revival! ✚

Summer Travels

BY BISHOP JOSEPH COFFEY



**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: FATHER LEONARD MESTAS, FATHER IGNACIO ESTRADA,
BISHOP JOSEPH COFFEY AND FATHER JOSE FERRONI**

It was a busy summer of travel to visit just some of our nation's VAMCs (Veterans Affairs Medical Centers). I was able to coordinate my pastoral visits to the priest-chaplains at our VAMCs in Southern California with the Bishops' Retreat in San Diego, CA, during the second week of June 2022. The Spring General Assembly of the USCCB has a retreat format every third year.

I drove from San Diego to San Francisco and back, about 1,000 miles round trip. As an active-duty Navy chaplain in San Diego, and I have made that drive a few times but always used Interstate 5, a major highway. This time I took the much more scenic route along the coast. It takes a

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little longer but the views of the mighty Pacific are stunning. I visited the VAMC priest-chaplains in San Diego, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Palo Alto, San Francisco, and Loma Linda.

The chapels in these Medical Centers are surprisingly different. All provide a quiet space for Mass, prayers, and meditation for our Catholic veterans,

their families, staff members, as well as people of many different faith groups. Some chapels are simple and others quite beautiful.



**AT THE VAMC IN WEST LOS ANGELES, CA
WITH FATHER FREDERICK BYARUHANGA.**

A highlight that I would like to share is the chapel at the VAMC in Loma Linda, CA. I celebrated Mass for veterans and staff with Father Leonard Mestas, who recently retired as the full-time chaplain, Father Ignacio Estrada, the current full-time chaplain, and Father Jose Ferroni, a fee-basis chaplain. The chapel is

named for Congressman Jerry L Pettis. Behind the altar is a magnificent carved wooden mural designed by Aileen Millar and carved by Richard Walden. The wood carvings are made from a ten-inch thick laminated Iberian cedar, a tree mentioned in the Old Testament. The angel in the panel on the left has hands outstretched to offer help and strength to all who ask. The symbolism of the two figures in the right-hand panel is best



**BISHOP COFFEY WITH NATIONAL OFFICERS FROM THE
CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS AND CWV AUXILIARY.**

described by Psalm 1:3: “He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season. And its leaf does not wither, in all that he does he prospers.”

I was also able to attend the annual convention of the Veterans of America (CWV) held this year in Baltimore, MD from 22 to 26 August. The CWV is a national service organization of Catholics who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Founded in 1935, it is dedicated to serving all veterans and their families. The first meeting was organized by Monsignor Edward J. Higgins, a veteran of World War I and pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Astoria, NY. The CWV Auxiliary is composed of spouses and family members of the CWV.

Along with being the Vicar for Veterans Affairs for the Military Archdiocese, I serve as Bishop Protector for the CWV whose National Commander is Mr. David Crum. The National Auxiliary President of CWV is Ms. Marilyn Crum and the National Chaplain is Father John Sheehan, SJ. ✚

Holy Highlights *in '22*

BY BISHOP NEAL J. BUCKON



When I am speaking with chaplains about ministry, we agree that oftentimes the crucial ministry of the day is the unplanned interruption. We may have the day planned with Mass, meetings, counseling appointments, training, and events; but an unexpected request of any kind from a service member can change the day in an instant. During

the summer, Father Brian M. T. Reedy, SJ, a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserve, and a clinical assistant professor at Loyola Marymount University, called me. He said that he had been mobilized to active-duty for one year and two young Marines assigned to the Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, CA requested to be confirmed. Since there is

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REACHING THE SUMMIT
L-R: CMS PAUL VERRIER,
AK ANG-RET; CDR MIKE
HALKO, USPHS-RET;
CADET JIM BLACK; AND
BISHOP NEAL BUCKON.



CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION L-R: LCPL J. JESUS CHAVEZ, FATHER BRIAN M. T. REEDY, SJ, BISHOP NEAL BUCKON; AND LCPL KIMBERLY MARROQUIN.

no longer a Catholic program at Miramar, Father Reedy prepared the Marines, and LCpl J. Jesus Chavez and LCpl Kimberly Marroquin were soon sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit! Father Reedy's astute ministry enabled two young adults to be initiated fully into the Catholic Church in a reasonable amount of time. Conferring the sacrament of confirmation upon our brave, young Catholic service members is always a highlight.

My good friend Mike Halko was assembling a small group to hike the 25x mile Presidential Traverse in the White Mountains of New Hampshire in late July and invited me to join. My answer was a resounding, "Yes!" Mike and I met at John Carroll University (JCU) in 1974 as cadets in the ROTC and also members of the Ranger Club sponsored by the ROTC Department. We have been steadfast friends ever since. Mike prompted me to become an Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) member.

The members of the team, all with some affiliation to military services, assembled at the AMC Highland Center at Crawford Notch, NH. Commander Michael Halko, USPHS-ret (U.S. Public Health Service), started his career in Environmental Health in the Army and then transitioned to Public Health Services. Chief Master Sergeant Paul Verrier, AK ANG-ret, worked full-time as an Air Force Guardsman in the Final Frontier. Cadet James Black, Mike's cousin, is in Air Force ROTC at the University of Notre Dame. I had 28 years of service in the U.S. Army and the Army Reserve. The team bonded quickly as we worshipped, prayed, talked, hiked, laughed, and dined together for four days. Our Christian faith and military service were discussed at great length.

A mile in New Hampshire is not a typical mile. The hiking is strenuous, and the hiker must be surefooted when stepping from rock to rock. A misstep can result in a serious injury. In one section of the trail, it takes about 3 hours to travel 1.5 miles. I never saw a

switchback trail. The trail goes straight up, across, and drops down and every now and then the hiker is rock climbing. We were blessed with a lovely window of weather, but we were prepared for the worst. The shared experience made me grateful to the Creator for the beauty of creation, the gift of life, and the ability to enjoy them both with others.

From New Hampshire, I headed to Cleveland, Ohio to be in my hometown for the episcopal ordination of Bishop Michael G. Woost as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Cleveland on 4 August. I studied in the seminary with Bishop Woost's brothers: David, Thomas, and Philip. Fathers David and Thomas were the priest-chaplains for their brother! It was a wonderful and joyous day for the Woost family and the Cleveland Diocese led by Bishop Edward C. Malesic.

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JCU ARMY ROTC L-R: MR. GARY WOODS, HUMAN RESOURCE ASSISTANT; LTC MIKE WROBLEWSKI, PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE; BISHOP NEAL BUCKON; AND MSG DIOGENES NAVARRO, SENIOR MILITARY INSTRUCTOR.

While in town, I visited my alma mater John Carroll University (JCU). The University is named after the first Bishop of Baltimore. Before its suppression, Father John Carroll had been a member of the Society of Jesus. During an office call with LTC Mike Wroblewski, USA, the Professor of Military Science, I was thoroughly briefed on the ROTC program whose mission of leadership development is important for the country and for the State of Ohio.

Fortunately for the cadets at John Carroll University, in addition to a stellar ROTC program and a Jesuit education, the campus ministry contributes to their spiritual readiness. Mass was celebrated at the Catholic chapel in the center of the campus. For the past several years, the undergraduate seminarians of the Diocese of Cleveland have been attending classes there and receiving their degrees from JCU. Visiting my alma mater is always a highlight! ✚

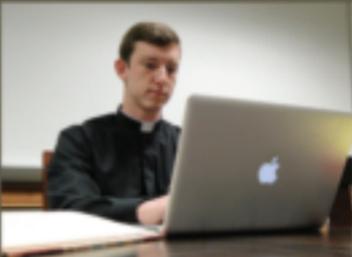
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I SAMUEL 2:35

GIFTS FOR MCCW EUROPE

BY BISHOP BILL MUHM

In late July 2022, the Europe Region of Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW) sponsored a Discipleship Training weekend at Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Germany. About 15 women from military Catholic communities across Europe attended, in addition to Muffy Patterson, MCCW Director of Regional Coordinators. I also attended.

The weekend included a Saturday pilgrimage to Cologne Cathedral, where for many centuries relics of the Three Kings have been kept in an elaborate gold-plated reliquary in the main sanctuary. The Cathedral normally opens the reliquary for public viewing and veneration

TOP-BOTTOM: AT COLOGNE CATHEDRAL ON 23 JULY 2022, HOLDING A RELIQUARY CONTAINING RELICS OF THE THREE KINGS, BISHOP MUHM BLESSES ELIZABETH (IZZY) KAHER, NEW MCCW EUROPE REGIONAL COORDINATOR SUSAN JOHNSON, NEW MCCW EUROPE REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR AND BRENDA LYN GOMEZ, NEW MCCW EUROPE REGIONAL LITURGY COORDINATOR.



“*This opportunity for a blessing was an unexpected gift for each of us who made the pilgrimage.*”

each year on Epiphany. In addition, each year on 23 July the Cathedral normally makes available a small hand-held reliquary containing a few bone fragments, for priests to bless people with the relics (23 July is the anniversary of the transfer of the relics from Milan to Cologne in the Middle Ages). Providentially, the MCCW pilgrimage took place on 23 July.

I was able to bless each woman who made the pilgrimage with the small reliquary. This opportunity for a blessing was an unexpected gift for each of us who made the pilgrimage. Just as the Magi brought gifts to the Christ child, they also received the gift from Him of being able to adore Him in person. In the same way, everyone on the Discipleship Training weekend was grateful for being able to participate in the weekend, and for the pilgrimage to Cologne, and for the chance to be blessed with the relics.

One other big gift to our AMS communities in Europe was the discernment of a new leadership team for MCCW Europe Region. These three women are and will continue to be gifts to those who will benefit from their leadership. Those women in turn will be gifts to their local Catholic communities, to their fellow service members, families, and friends. The Magi would approve of the grace of the Christ child graciously flowing through MCCW Europe into the lives of many people! ✚

Thank you for your prayers and support for all of us at AMS. God bless you.



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Warriors
TO LOURDES



Military Catholics Encouraged to Apply for Warriors to Lourdes

BY TAYLOR HENRY

Catholic U.S. Military personnel, including the wounded, ill, and injured, are encouraged to join Warriors to Lourdes in 2023. The Warriors will visit Lourdes 9-15 May to participate in the annual Pèlerinage Militaire International (PMI)—or “International Military Pilgrimage.” The Knights of Columbus (K of C) and the Archdiocese for

the Military Services, USA (AMS), co-sponsor the annual delegation, which began in 2013. The K of C pays for airfare, hotel accommodations, and meals for all approved applicants. To apply, visit warriorstolourdes.com.

The Warriors, coming from six U.S. airport hubs and other points of origin in Europe, will gather at Lourdes in time for an Opening Mass on Thursday 11 May at 1430 (Central European Time). They will have opportunities to visit the baths under the Basilica, pray for favors and healing, and participate in various other forms of prayer, devotion, and spiritual exercises including confession, Stations of the Cross, and a candlelight vigil along the Esplanade des Processions. A closing Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Pius X, a vast underground sanctuary with a seating capacity of 25,000.

Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., will cover expenses for approved non-wounded, wounded, ill, or injured Warriors, and their designated caregivers. Preference will be given to post-9/11 era Warriors. Acceptance and full coverage for pre-9/11 era wounded, ill, or injured veterans will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The package rate for companions and volunteers traveling from the U.S. is \$2,600 for a double occupancy room and \$2,900 for a single occupancy room; and for those traveling from Europe, \$600 for a double occupancy room and \$800 for a single occupancy room. Companions and volunteers are invited to apply for needs-based, financial assistance on a case-by-case basis.

Applications will be reviewed by the pilgrimage leadership team and its medical director. Each pilgrim package includes lodging, meals, PMI credentials, and round-trip fare from Washington, DC; Atlanta; Raleigh-Durham, NC; Houston, TX; Seattle-Tacoma, WA; or Los Angeles, CA; or bus service from Ramstein Air Base in Germany. The K of C will book flights from the nearest local airport to the six departure cities for all pilgrims starting their journey from outside those areas. Barring exceptions, pilgrims will be responsible for transportation to and from the originating airport or bus terminal.

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Since all pilgrims will lodge in a hotel, the wounded, disabled, or sick warriors must be able to fully perform their “activities of daily living” either alone or with the assistance of their designated caregivers. Applicants and their clinical providers should not anticipate that professional medical or nursing services, including hospitalization, will be delivered during the pilgrimage. Applicants must also be spiritually motivated to participate as a pilgrim. †

Applications and payments in full (if applicable) are due no later than 15 January 2023. Applicants may be contacted by pilgrimage staff with additional questions. All applicants will be notified of their application status beginning 15 February 2023.

For detailed information regarding the 2023 Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage or to apply, visit www.warriorstolourdes.com or contact the Knights of Columbus via email at: lourdes@kofc.org.



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Archbishop Broglio

Elected President of USCCB

BY TAYLOR HENRY

On 15 November, active Bishops in the United States who were present at the Plenary Assembly of the USCCB in Baltimore elected their new President and Vice-President. A slate of ten candidates was proposed.

After three ballots, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, was chosen as the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Three ballots later, his neighbor, the Most Reverend William Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, the first diocese to be erected in the United States, was elected Vice-President of the same conference.

Reflecting on his election at the AMS annual benefit, Archbishop Broglio noted that he hoped his brother bishops knew what they were doing and pointed out that he had voted for someone else! The response was thundering applause and cries of joy acclaiming the selection. The joy of those present moved the archbishop and encouraged him in his new, additional mission.

The newly-elected President of the USCCB praised the good work done by his predecessor, the Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, the most populated diocese in the country, and the Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, for their tireless and enlightened service to the Church. He pledged to continue that work, to strive ceaselessly to preach the Gospel, to promote the Eucharistic revival, to speak the truth in and out of season, and to work for the unity of shepherds and believers in our land. He welcomed the opportunities offered by the up-coming synod (October 2023) and earnestly helps that its emphasis on listening will be an opportunity to soothe some of the divisions in our Nation and inspire a renewed effort at evangelization.

The term began at noon on Thursday, 17 November, and continues until November of 2025, if God so wills. Please keep Archbishops Broglio and Lori in your prayers. †



Archbishop Broglio Joins Couples in Germany for Marriage Enrichment Retreat

BY TAYLOR HENRY

Six Catholic couples based at U.S. Military installations throughout Europe spent the weekend of 8-10 July in southwest Germany on a Marriage Enrichment Retreat sponsored by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The retreat took place at the Maria Rosenberg Retreat Center in Waldfishbach-Burgalben, about a 25-minute drive from Ramstein Air Base. The time of reflection was facilitated by Mark Moitoza, Th.D., D. Min., AMS Vice-Chancellor for Evangelization. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, was on hand and celebrated Holy Mass with the couples.



The couples traveled hundreds of miles across Europe for the gathering, coming to Waldfischbach-Burgalben from U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Wiesbaden and USAG Rheinland-Pfalz in Germany, Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella in Italy, and Naval Support Activity (NSA) Rota in Spain. They spent the two and a half days in prayer, group sessions, and dialogue, following the REFOCCUS Marriage Enrichment Inventory, a program developed by FOCCUS, Inc. USA, of the Archdiocese of Omaha. FOCCUS stands for “Facilitate Open Couple Communication Understanding and Study.”

Using short presentations in the REFOCCUS inventory tool as a guide, the couples explored topics such as marriage as a process, intimacy, compatibility, communication, and commitment. In post-retreat evaluations, the couples said the encounter gave them fresh ideas for how to strengthen their marriages. Typical of the comments were these:

“Hearing and learning from other couples’ experiences made me realize we are not alone - God does bless couples who remain faithful to Him.”

“It was wonderful to reconnect with my husband and to get to know and learn from other wonderful couples.”

“The group experiences were very enlightening, you see that others may be going through some of the same problems/issues you go through.”

“This helps me refocus on our relationship with God and His importance in our marriage.”

“Christ is at the center of my marriage. My husband is wonderful, and I am so blessed to have married him.” †

MARRIED COUPLES WITH ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY BROGLIO (CENTER) AND DR. MARK MOITZA (RIGHT FRONT) AT THE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT SPONSORED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA, 8 – 10 JULY 2022, IN WALDFISCHBACH-BURGALBEN, GERMANY.

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The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) collaborates with Evangelical Catholic on the Reach More movement of Catholic discipleship and evangelization. It is a response to Pope Francis' dream of a "missionary option," that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything... Wherever the need for the light and the life of the Risen Christ is greatest, it will want to be there" (Evangelii Gaudium 27).

CULTIVATING THE MISSION COMMUNITY

BY KIMBERLY COLBY AND MADELINE STOCKMAN

From 2018 to 2021, the AMS supported Reach More training groups (TG) at seven military chapel communities. Unique challenges and opportunities inspired the switch from the chapel to the archdiocesan level with the hiring of Missionary Discipleship Trainers. This transition allowed ongoing accompaniment to Catholic service members and spouses, creating a ‘mission community’ that transcends service branch, rank, and duty station.

Kimberly Colby, a former active-duty Marine and Navy spouse, and Madeline Stockman, an active-duty Army spouse, serve as the Missionary Discipleship Trainers. This year, they conducted three Reach More TGs and currently accompany 17 military Catholics. On the next page is the breakdown of the ‘mission community’ demographics:

The Reach More training equips Catholics to cultivate a daily prayer life and to discern the Holy Spirit’s calling to a personal apostolate. They grow as missionary disciples by strengthening their connection to Christ which overflows into their relationships with others. This duality of growth is central to the Reach More movement.

One Air Force spouse in Madeline’s TG grew tremendously in her prayer life. She was active in chapel ministries but kept others at a safe emotional distance. With the 12-week commitment to daily contemplative prayer, this woman fell deeper in love with God – becoming more vulnerable with Him, realizing that she had so much to share with others about how God is a rescuer! During one-on-one mentorship sessions, Romans 8: 25-26 resonated with her, “But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance. In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.” She began to intercede and pray extemporaneously for others with confidence and surrender to the Lord in a way that she had never done before!

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In July 2022, Kim’s TG completed Session 5: “The Ninety-Nine and the One.” The assigned weekly mission was for each member to take meaningful action toward building or strengthening a relationship they had with a family member, co-worker, friend, or neighbor. The following week, one TG member shared he discerned to be more intentional in getting to know his co-worker. His co-worker revealed that he was raised in the Episcopal Church and was seeking a faith-based community. The TG member invited his co-worker to attend Mass at the nearby cathedral and his co-worker accepted! †

Reach More training is available virtually, four times per year. For more information, please visit the AMS website: <https://www.milarch.org/reach-more/> or email reachmore@milarch.org

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THE HARVEST CONTINUES...



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(ARCH)DIOCESE/RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY:
Diocese of Gary

ARMED FORCES BRANCH: *Air Force*

**COLLEGE(S) / UNIVERSITY(IES) /
SEMINARY(IES) ATTENDED (DEGREES
AWARDED):**

*Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology,
Terre Haute, IN (B.S. and M.S. in
Mechanical Engineering); Mundelein
Seminary, Mundelein, IL (M.A. in
Philosophy and Religion); Sacred
Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, MI.*

HIGH SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED:
Highland High School, Highland, IN.

HOBBIES: *Running, cycling, and
reading.*

TEAM SPORTS: *Soccer, basketball, and
baseball.*

WHEN WAS THE FIRST TIME YOU THOUGHT ABOUT A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

The first time I thought I might have a vocation to the priesthood was my senior year of college.

WHO OR WHAT EVENTS INFLUENCED YOUR DISCERNMENT JOURNEY?

A friend's invitation to attend daily Mass and to pray at a perpetual Eucharistic Adoration chapel was a major event that inspired my discernment journey.

WHAT WOULD PEOPLE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

People may be surprised to know that I enjoy going to classical symphonies.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SCRIPTURE PASSAGE, WHY?

Philippians 3:7-11 is one of my favorite Scripture passages because I see it as our main goal in life to know, love, and be united to Christ.

HOW DID YOU COME TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST PERSONALLY?

I came to know Jesus by Eucharistic Adoration and reflection on the Gospels.

HAVE ANY SAINTS OR CHURCH LEADERS PARTICULARLY INSPIRED YOUR DISCERNMENT JOURNEY?

Saints John Vianney, Francis of Assisi, and John Paul II have inspired me.

WHAT WAS YOUR PROFESSIONAL AND/OR ACADEMIC AND/OR MILITARY BACKGROUND BEFORE APPLYING TO BE A SEMINARIAN APPLICANT?

I studied mechanical engineering, interned at Rolls-Royce in their airplane engine business, and was commissioned through Air Force ROTC with an assigned career field of pilot training.

WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?

From Christendom to Apostolic Mission and Scott Hahn's commentary on Romans.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPIRITUAL BOOK?

The Cure d'Arns by Abbe Francis Trochu.

WHO ARE YOUR HEROES OR PEOPLE YOU SIGNIFICANTLY ADMIRE?

I admire my parents.

HOW WOULD YOU CHARACTERIZE YOUR PRAYER LIFE? WHAT COMPRISES YOUR DAILY PRAYER? DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH? WHEN, WHERE, HOW?

My daily prayer life consists of Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture, the Divine Office, the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. †



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WHOLE HEARTED

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TRAUMA AWARE ACCOMPANIMENT

BY MARK MOITZA, TH.D.

Catholic Charities, USA, recently posted a Whole Hearted Facilitator Guide and a Whole Hearted Participant Journal on their website. The goal of this mini-course, as noted in the guide, is to provide basic and helpful trauma awareness. It is not clinical or professional therapy. The guide informs participants of trauma's impact and how one might begin to move forward mentally and spiritually. Whole Hearted introduces individuals and the community to an ongoing process of recognition, renewal, and restoration.

RECOGNITION:

Seeing your experience of trauma
and assessing your responses to it.

RENEWAL:

Prayer and other spiritual exercises as
sources of strength and newness.

RESTORATION:

The ongoing and intentional work needed
to move forward in a healthy way.

Trauma is an emotional response to a terrible event that is inflicted upon a person. An accident, a crime, a natural disaster, and combat experiences are examples of trauma that may impact people in a variety of ways. Risk factors associated with military service can result in experiences of personal trauma. Those same risk factors may result in knowing someone in a military setting dealing with the challenges of trauma in their daily life too.

Becoming a trauma-aware Catholic community of faith provides a pastoral response that integrates spiritual and religious practices with sound and

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basic mental health information and practices. Mental health professionals and programs are well-equipped to help individuals process through the challenges of rebuilding. Accompanying adults spiritually offers additional support to help reconnect with faith and the community. Trauma-aware accompaniment must not be a replacement for mental health professionals. It can, however, provide some aspects that mental health does not do as well. These aspects include spiritual sensitivities, shared faith, spiritual practices, and moments of grace.

Trauma-aware accompaniment is a mini course, it is not a support group. The course revolves around attending to stories by asking and listening. Honoring impact by holding experiences reverently without judging or fixing them. Pointing toward renewal and restoration through spiritual practices. Offering solidarity through presence and prayer. Building a resource of local mental health providers. Recognizing the necessity to acknowledge that people deal with hard times that result in pain, loss, grief, guilt, and isolation.

Catholic communities can offer Whole Hearted as a day of reflection or four weekly sessions of about sixty minutes each. Alternatively, individuals could work through the guide on their own. The process is designed to help participants 1) see the impact of a painful time and evaluate their current response to it, 2) pray for renewal, 3) invest in practices that encourage healthy spiritual lives. Obtaining connections, through trauma-aware accompaniment, remind participants that the dynamics of recognition, renewal, and restoration are ongoing and lifelong ways of sustaining the Spirit's presence. Consider ways that your military Catholic faith community could invite people to participate in the Whole Hearted process to become aware of the need for trauma-aware accompaniment. †

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-vision-and-ministry/leadership-development-catholic-identity/psm-and-behavioral-health/>

Chaplain Candidate Receives Chaplain Emil Kapaun Leadership Award

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY CH(CPT) ANTHONY OKWUM, USA

Lieutenant William Waters, a Chaplain Candidate and a Seminarian from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston who is co-sponsored with the AMS received the Chaplain Emil Kapaun Leadership Award at the Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Waters led one of the platoons and was also executive officer and also led our formation with great determination and success. He was voted by the cadre (School leaders) and students to be the awardee.

Waters was given the award as an outstanding leader of the class, mirroring Chaplain Kapaun, a Catholic priest who was recognized for great leadership. I was providential that this award was given to a Catholic among 82 graduates on our graduation from Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina on 19 August 2022. ✝

L-R: FATHER JULIUS OKOJIE HOLDING A WHITE ALB, SECOND LIEUTENANT GILLINS, LIEUTENANT FIGUEROA, LIEUTENANT WILLIAM WATERS, FATHER NELVY JUNOT IN GREEN CHASUBLE, CAPTAIN JOSHUA MILLER, FATHER ANTHONY OKWUM AND FATHER MICHAEL WIMSATT STANDING BEHIND.



Mobile APPS Connect Military Catholics to Their Faith and One Another

The latest study done by the Pew Research Center indicates that 97% of adults in the United States own a cell phone.¹ It is reported that 31% use their phone “almost constantly,” while an additional 48% describe using it “several times a day.” While these numbers may seem alarming, time spent using mobile devices does not have to be time wasted. There are many useful and worthwhile apps that can connect military Catholics to their faith and to one another. Here are three that are especially good.



Catholic Military Connect

In a video message to those attending the International Military Pilgrimage (PMI) to Lourdes earlier this year, the the Secretary of State of the Holy See, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, introduced the Catholic Military Connect app. This app offers answers to many common questions about the Catholic faith – particularly those which may arise within military life. The section called “Spiritual First Aid” aims to bring solace to those who may be struggling in their relationship with God. Users will find a catalog of military saints, prayers for the military, and inspirational quotes. Because the app is international, daily Mass readings are offered in many different languages.

¹ <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/03/26/about-three-in-ten-u-s-adults-say-they-are-almost-constantly-online/>



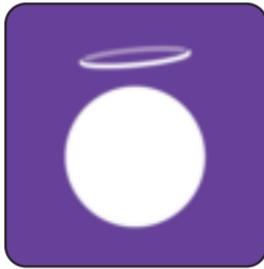
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AMS USA

The AMS USA app is a great way for military Catholics to stay connected to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. Users can find content related to the liturgical year and news about goings-on in the AMS. Mass can be livestreamed each day, and the

daily readings are available in either text or audio format. In addition to the saint of the day and access to many Catholic prayers – including the Divine Office, there is a new section of the app which highlights the National Eucharistic Revival. Here military Catholics can find resources to help them encounter and share the love of God present in Christ Jesus in the Eucharist.



Hallow: Catholic Meditation

While not specifically created for a military userbase, the Hallow app is one that is widely downloaded and well-liked by Catholics everywhere. When users install the app, they are directed to choose areas of interest such

as the popular “Bible in a Year” reading plan or “the Rosary” and goals such as “pray more often” or “reconnect with my faith.” Sessions for guided meditation, music selections, and even recorded readings for better sleep are available for listening on or off-offline. Users can reflect, journal, and set prayer routines all within the app. While some content is available in a free version, a yearly subscription of \$59.99 per year (or a monthly subscription of \$8.99) gives users full access.

Scan for info and links
to all three apps.



Archbishop Broglio Celebrates Annual Mass for the Repose of Father Vincent R. Capodanno on 55th Anniversary of Death

BY TAYLOR HENRY

ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO TALKING WITH GENERAL MARK A. MILLEY AFTER MASS.



Slain Vietnam War hero and Servant of God Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM, CHC, LT, USN (1929-1967), gave witness to what Christ taught: “the grain of wheat that falls to the earth and dies teaches us to die to ourselves and helps us to understand the very mystery of death,” which is “the only threshold that opens into eternal life. It is a necessary passage.” That message was delivered on the evening of 6 September 2022 by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA.

Archbishop Broglio preached the homily at the live-streamed annual Memorial Mass for Father Capodanno of Staten Island, NY, a Maryknoll Catholic priest, U.S. Navy chaplain, and posthumous recipient of the Medal of Honor, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Approximately 350 participated, including members of Father Capodanno’s family, some with whom he served, and dozens of Midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy. Among those in the Congregation were General Mark A. Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Chaplain Carey Hall Cash, RADM, USN, Chaplain of the Marine Corps; and Col. James P. McDonough, USMC, Commandant of Midshipmen.

The Mass is celebrated annually around the anniversary of Father Capodanno’s death—this year marked the 55th—from multiple gunshots on a Vietnam battlefield. Father Capodanno died at the age of 38 on 4 September 1967, as he scrambled to aid outnumbered U.S. Marines under ambush in Vietnam’s Quế Sơn Valley while they carried out “Operation Swift” against the North Vietnamese Army. The Holy See’s Dicastery for the Causes of Saints is in the process of considering Father Capodanno’s Cause for Canonization.

In a recent holdup, an advisory commission of theological consultants to the Dicastery recommended suspension of the cause pending further investigation. Archbishop Broglio pointed out that the panel “only makes a recommendation”

to the Dicastery, and said the postulator has already presented a supplement of information to respond to the concerns raised by the theologians. In opening remarks at the Memorial Mass, His Excellency noted: “We might have hoped to gather this evening with thoughts of an upcoming beatification ceremony, but that is not yet the case. We are, however, a people of hope and we believe that the Lord is in charge and whatever He has in store for us is better than we could plan or imagine.”

To read the full text of Archbishop Broglio’s homily, visit:
milarch.org/archbishop-homilies/

After Mass, General Milley shook hands and chatted with Archbishop Broglio. Commenting on the significance of the Mass, General Milley said, “I think it’s really important to hold up examples of great human beings and selfless servants of the Nation and selfless servants of God and I think Father Capodanno is one of those. So it was my privilege and honor to be here and pay my respects to his heroism and service.”

The Father Capodanno Guild was established by Archbishop Broglio in 2014 to promote awareness of the Servant of God and to raise funds in support of his Cause. The Catholic Church requires at least one miracle attributed to a sainthood candidate in order for the candidate to be beatified. So far the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints has documented at least one possible miracle in the case of Father Capodanno. †

Anyone with information on Father Capodanno, including accounts of favors received through intercessory prayer, is asked to contact the Guild at:
capodannoguild.org or Ms. Mary Preece at mpreece@milarch.org.

Donations for the Cause are gratefully accepted at:

<https://donate.capodannoguild.org/page/83748/donate/1>.

Archbishop Broglio’s statement on Theological Commission

“The vote by the Theological Commission convoked last May to study the position on the Cause for the Canonization of the Servant of God, Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM, is a consultative vote. The body only makes a recommendation to the Dicastery. The Postulator has already petitioned the Congregation to appeal the decision and allow the postulation to respond to some of the questions raised by the theologians. It is the firm conviction of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, that Father Capodanno is enjoying the bliss of heaven and it is felt that raising the exemplary service of this distinguished priest to the altars would serve the Church and especially the Chaplain Corps of the USA. It will be up to the Dicastery to determine if the process can continue.” – Archbishop Timothy Broglio



A Salute to Veterans

BY MARY LAVIN

On 11 November 2022, as a nation we honored the service and sacrifice of all veterans by attending Mass, a public event, placing a new flag in front of our home or business, or remembering in a special way the members of our family or inner circle who served in the military and may no longer be with us. In November 2012, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), approved a national collection for the AMS to be taken the Sunday before Veterans Day every third year. The Sunday before Veterans Day was not selected by chance. As an ecclesiastical entity, not a government or military agency, it was recognized that the Archdiocese must rely on private donations to provide current programs and services and to expand the same.

At Masses during the weekend of 5-6 November 2022, dioceses across the country participated in the fourth triennial National Collection for the AMS. Several dioceses took the collection earlier in the year and the Archdioceses of Washington and Philadelphia are scheduled to take it in 2023. Following the suggestion by Archbishop Broglio, AMS faithful also had the opportunity to participate in chapel communities around the world through a designated offering taken the same weekend. The 2022 National Collection for the AMS once again offered an opportunity to show respect for Catholic military families and veterans whose faith and access to the sacraments and pastoral care should not be sacrificed.

Funds collected will assure the accompaniment of young men discerning a call to the priesthood and military chaplaincy through the AMS Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, and ultimately provide more priests to serve in

dioceses and parishes across the country. They will help to expand the reach and impact of all evangelization and faith formation programs, and the new Young Adult Missionary Initiative, the St. Paul Team. They will provide funds needed to digitize sacramental records celebrated on U.S. Military installations and Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers since 1920 before the microfiche film deteriorates and the equipment is obsolete, and to complete a critical update to electronic communication systems that serves all constituencies.

Remember, there would be no Catholic military chaplains without the AMS. And, the stories shared in each quarterly issue of Salute, monthly issue of e-ATTENTION, and bi-monthly interviews of the AMS Catholic Military Life podcast, offer other examples of the impact made by each gift.

If you are in a position to do so, please consider a contribution to your parish's second collection for the AMS when taken, and thank you to those who already participated. If your diocese or parish will not participate this year, make your own gift, perhaps in honor of a veteran.

If your diocese or parish did not participate in the National Collection this year, you can still participate. Online donations may be made at www.milarch.org/nationalcollection (be sure to click on the blue DONATE button), or checks mailed to the AMS at P.O. Box 4469, Washington, D.C., 20017. If you send a check or submit a grant from a donor-advised fund, please include "2022 National Collection" on the memo line. †





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