



Chancellor and Executive Secretary of the Curia

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Dear Monsignor/Father,

I write today to provide you with updates and will continue to share with you information as needed.

Triennial Collection in Support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Parishes in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington are participating in the triennial collection in support of the [Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA \(AMS\)](#) on the weekend of January 7-8, 2023.

The AMS was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is, "Serving Those Who Serve," providing the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the 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 AMS receives no funding from the military or the government in support of programs and services vital to the mission and ministry of its mission, including Vocations, Evangelization and Catechesis, Sacramental Records, Tribunal and Veterans Affairs. Unlike a conventional diocese, the AMS has no parishes or parish registries. The AMS has no weekly collections and relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its aforementioned programs and services.

Your support of the 2022 Triennial National Collection for the AMS will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our

Country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from your own parish family. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Should you wish to use them, included below is a poster (both English and Spanish) and a sample bulletin announcement.



[Triennial Collection Poster - English and Spanish.pdf](#)



[Triennial Collection Sample Bulletin Announcements.docx](#)

UPDATE - Important Notice Regarding the Boy Scouts of America Annual Charter Agreement Renewal

The Archdiocese previously asked parishes to hold off on signing annual charter agreements for Boy Scouts of America (“BSA”) troops while new language for the agreement was negotiated. We are pleased to announce that the Archdiocese, working in collaboration with the USCCB and the Boy Scouts of America’s local and national councils, has approved the below Annual Charter Agreement for Catholic Organizations for use this year. **Parishes who have an *existing* BSA troop, pack, or crew may sign this agreement and recharter for the coming year.**



[BSA.Catholic Trad Charter Agreement - 2022-2023 - Final.pdf](#)

Please note that this agreement is specific to Catholic chartering organizations and should be used in lieu of the agreement that auto generates while doing the online rechartering forms. If you have previously signed a different charter agreement for this year, please still sign and submit this agreement. If you are interested in chartering a BSA troop, pack, or crew that did not previously exist at your parish, please contact Mary Fava (favam@adw.org) before signing the agreement.

If you have any questions regarding the BSA bankruptcy, or if you receive any documents related to the BSA bankruptcy, please email the Office of the General Counsel (legaladmin@adw.org). If you have any questions about your parish’s BSA troop, pack, or crew please email Mary Fava (favam@adw.org).

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan websites, adw.org and adw.org/es, are updated regularly with current information for you to share with your community. Please see adw.org/coronavirus for

information related to Covid-19. Daily news and information about our parishes, schools, and ministries are also available at cathstan.org and elpreg.org for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.

As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office, please know that you can email me at FarrellT@adw.org or call my office line at 301-853-4507 or my cell at 202-531-4550.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Terence J. Farrell

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