



**General Assembly of the Apostolat Militaire International  
(AMI)**

**September 09 – 14, 2012**

**AMI 2012 – 2014**

**The Christian Soldier in the Service of Just Peace. “To live authentically according to the Word of God and to spread the gospel”**

**AMI 2012**

**Commemoration: “Powerful past, powerful present,  
challenging future”**

**Corsendonk De Linde, Retie, Antwerp, Belgium**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity/Topic</b>
<b>Saturday 08.09.12</b>	Whole day	- Arrival Executive Committee - Arrival of the delegates

<b>Sunday 09.09.12</b>	11.00 hrs	- Meeting Executive Committee + Prearrangements for the conference + Setup conference office
	12.30 hrs	- Lunch
	13.30 – 15.00 hrs	- Preparation conference/conference room + Arrival and registration of the delegates
	15.00 hrs	- Welcome address by Vicar General of the Belgium Armed Forces, <b>Mgr. Johan van den Eeckhout</b> followed by a welcome address by the President of AMI, <b>General Major Norbert Sinn</b>
	15.30 hrs	- Transportation to the cathedral of Antwerp
	17.00 hrs	- Opening Pontificate Service by <b>His Eminence André Leonard, Archbishop of Mechelen-Brussel, military bishop of Belgium</b>
	18.00 hrs	- Meet and greet with Mgr. Leonard and representatives of the Belgium Armed Forces
	19.00 hrs	- Departure for Retie
	20.30 hrs	- Opening Dinner

<b>Monday 10.09.11</b>	08.00 hrs	- Breakfast
	09.00 hrs	- Welcome address by Chief of Staff of the Belgium Armed Forces, <b>Lt Gen Van Caelenberge</b>
	09.15 hrs	- Report and information about the military chaplaincy of the armed forces of Belgium by Vicar General of the Belgium Armed Forces, <b>Mgr. Johan van den Eeckhout</b>
	09.30 hrs	- Introduction and presentation of delegates
	10.30 hrs	- Coffee/tea break
	11.00 hrs	- Reports & discussion by President of AMI, Secretary General and Liaison Officer
	11.45 hrs	- Introduction of the overall topic of AMI 2012 – 2014 The Christian Soldier in the Service of Just Peace. “To live authentically according to the Word of God and to spread the gospel” by, <b>Bishops’ Vicar and Ecclesiastical Assistant of AMI, Mons. Dr. Werner Freistetter</b>
	12.30 hrs	- Lunch
	14.00 hrs	- Lecture A: Commemoration of the war dead. War commemoration can be a powerful force for division as well as unity, perspective of the past by chaplain <b>Wim Smit</b>
	14.45 hrs	- Lecture B: “Forget what happened in the past...” (Isaiah 43,18). Old Testament perspectives on remembrance by <b>prof. dr. Hans Ausloos of the University of Leuven and Bloemfontein, South Africa</b>
	15.30 hrs	- Discussion with speakers
	16.00 hrs	- Coffee/tea break
	16.30 hrs	- Introduction of the exposition and comments by The Institute for Veterans - NIOOO
	17.10 hrs	- Time for reflection
	18.10 hrs	- Departure (by foot) for the church in Retie
	18.30 hrs	- H. Mass in the church of Retie
	20.00 hrs	- Dinner
	21.30	- (Facultative) Walk in the surroundings of Retie

<b>Tuesday 11.09.12</b>	07.30 hrs	- Breakfast
	08.15	- Lecture C: General lecture about fear and anxiety on the battlefield, theoretical approach by <b>Colonel GS MMag. DDr. Phil Andreas Stupka , Head of Department of the Institute for Human- and Social Sciences at the Austrian National Defense Academy</b>
	09.00 hrs	- Lecture D: Introduction "How to overcome Fear and Dead on the battlefield by trusting in God our Hope" by <b>Brigadier General Arie Vermeij, President of the board of the Association of young veterans Guards Regiment Fuseliers " Princess Irene"</b>
	09.45 hrs	- Discussion
	10.15 hrs	- Coffee/tea break
	10.45 hrs	- Lecture E: A soldier about his experiences as a believing soldier by <b>Reverend Deacon Neil Galloway MBE RAF, Officiating Chaplain Royal Air Force</b>
	11.00 hrs	- Discussion
	11.45 hrs	- Lunch
	13.00 hrs	- Departure for Brussels
	15.00 hrs	Visit to Flemish Parliament
		Lecture F: How is the vision of missions abroad according to one of the members of Parliament
	17.00 hrs	Departure for the Military Academy
	18.30 hrs	- H. Mass in Military Academy
	19.00 hrs	- Dinner and discussion with students at the Academy
	21.00 hrs	- Departure for Retie

<b>Wednesday 12.09.12</b>	08.00 hrs	- Breakfast
	09.00 hrs	- Lecture G: In modern times the main intent of war memorials is not to glorify war, but to honour those who have died for their country, perspective of the present by <b>NN</b>
	09.45 hrs	- Lecture H: Is there a need to change the tradition of commemoration of the war dead, perspective of the future by <b>mr. Pascal Limpens, Legal Advisor at JHQ Brunssum NATO and President of the board of the National Indie Monument in the Netherlands</b>
	10.30 hrs	- Discussion
	11.00 hrs	- Coffee/tea break
	11.30	- Lecture I: Military ceremonies of the war dead; soldiers are entitled to take leave of their comrades killed in action in a dignified manner; impacts- both internally and externally; impact on military junior staff by <b>Lieutenant Colonel Christoph Auer of the German Armed Forces</b>
	12.15 hrs	- Discussion
	12.45 hrs	- Lunch
	14.00	- Two working groups, (English and German one) to discuss and comment on the lectures and to make and find a common summary.
	15.00 hrs	- Presentation of Groups' output (15 minutes each group)
	15.30 hrs	- Coffee/tea break
	16.00 hrs	- Miscellaneous topics of interest of AMI + Financial Report 2011 + discharge of the treasurer and of the AMI Secretary General + date and topics of the AMI Conference 2013 + closing address by the President of AMI
	17.00 hrs	- End of session
	18.10 hrs	- Departure (by foot) for the church in Retie
	18.30 hrs	- Holy Mass
	20.00 hrs	- Dinner
	21.30	- (Guided) walk in the surroundings of Retie
	<i>parallel 1000 hrs - 1700 hrs</i>	- <i>Spouses Programme (see details on separate programme)</i>

<b>Thursday 13-09-12</b>	07.30 hrs	- Spiritual nourishment, morning prayers by <b>Padre Annie Walscharts</b>
	08.15 hrs	- Breakfast
	08.45 hrs	- Departure and cultural program
	17.30hrs	- Arrival at Carolus Boromeus with possibility to change in uniform
	18.00 hrs	- Closing Pontifical Service in Carolus Boromeus-historical church in Antwerp conducted by Mgr J. Bonny and the apostolic nuncio in Belgium, <b>mgr. Giacinto Berloco, titulair archbishop of Fidenae.</b>
	19.30 hrs	- Reception and closing dinner. Closing speeches
	22.45 hrs	- Departure for Retie

<b>Friday 14-09-12</b>	08.00 hrs	- Breakfast
	08.30 hrs	- Individual departure