



MILITARY ORDINARIATE OF THE ARMED FORCES AND ARMED CORPS OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Bratislava, 28th May 2014

Dear Members of the 2014 AMI Conference,

The Military Ordinariate of the Armed Forces and Armed Corps of the Slovak Republic has the honour this year of hosting the annual conference of AMI. I am very proud, that as a Bishop of our national armed forces, I can personally invite you to join the conference which will be held from 21st to 26th September 2014.

Our meeting will begin with a solemn Mass in the military Cathedral of St. Sebastian in Bratislava on Sunday, 21st September and the conference will continue during the following days in a purpose built facility of the Office of the National Council of the Slovak Republic in Častá-Papiernička near Bratislava.

The theme of the conference will take into account two important facts – the first is the centenary of the beginning of World War I and the resulting moral and ethical challenges for the future. The second is the *Evangelii Gaudium* apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis and its incentive for the apostolate of Catholic soldiers.

In the hope that the course of the conference will deepen our friendly relations and Christian brotherhood, strengthen our commitment to the building of peace and prevention of conflicts, as well as strengthening us in our apostolate at spreading the values of the Holy Gospel, I sincerely invite you and wish you an enjoyable time exploring our beautiful land, the culture of our nation and the Church in Slovakia.

+ **Mons. František Rábek**

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