

The Christian Soldier in a secularized society

Realities.

1. The law does not allow people to talk about religion in government establishment including military (secularism has pushed religion out of our laws).
2. The people do not see it as a problem but as a way of life.
3. There is no relation ship between the church and the government.
4. Many people are after making money.
5. There is total freedom and many have chosen the wrong way of live.
6. Padre hour is only applicable to trainees but after training there is no spiritual care in the military units.
7. In Europe one can take you to court if you violate by forcing him to go to church.
8. In Europe military law is only applicable during war time. Otherwise they are treated as civilians.
9. Secularization has affected Europe to an extend that the church is becoming irrelevant and the trend is slowly creeping Africa.
10. Seminaries are closing down in Europe while in Africa the seminaries are increasing.

11. All soldiers with families stay outside the barracks and only single or divorced soldiers can stay in the barracks.
12. In Portugal only 20% can stay inside the Barracks.
13. Chaplains are only necessary when the soldiers are on deployment away from the barracks.
14. Currently there is deficiency of priests in Europe and the available few administer to many parishes.
15. The Priests have been made to work as social workers in Europe.
16. There is strictly no mass or celebration of sacraments for soldiers and their families in the Barracks.
17. In Belgium there is a place where all faiths worship in turns.
19. Sacraments are only administered to a soldier who is in danger or on request.
20. Most marriages are done in courts because church marriages cannot be dissolved.
21. Few Christians who have their marriages done in church must have them done in courts first.
22. ACOM is a trade union for military personnel which was formed in Europe to defend the Christian soldier.
23. Couples are receiving the Holy Communion without blessing their marriages in the church.
24. Many Catholics in Europe are traditional Catholics by birth. They have not owned the catholic faith.

25. AMI is diminishing in Europe; they do not participate in AMI conferences any more.

26. The rate of divorce is 10 times higher than the rate of church marriage.