

**WORKSHOP OUTPUT
AMI GENERAL ASSEMBLY &
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DAY 1

GUIDE QUESTIONS

- What are the key challenges to the practice of the Dialogue of Life based on the experiences of military chaplains and soldiers in Asia and in Europe? How can these challenges be overcome?
- What existing institutions and mechanisms in the Church and military institutions may be used to promote Dialogue of Life?

GUIDE QUESTIONS

- What are the social and ethical challenges that soldiers and their families have to cope in the military's expanded roles and extended deployments?
- What strategies can the Chaplain Service develop to help soldiers and families cope with these challenges

KEY CHALLENGES TO THE DIALOGUE OF LIFE & HOW THEY CAN BE OVERCOME

- In European perspective
 - a. Chaplains in the city are different from the base chaplain.
 - b. The challenge is the capacity of the military chaplain to reach out to majority of the soldiers.

KEY CHALLENGES TO THE DIALOGUE OF LIFE & HOW THEY CAN BE OVERCOME

- Filipino perspective
 - a. Some Commanders resist or do not support the military Chaplains.
 - b. Chaplains have many tasks- to celebrate mass and to attend the spiritual and moral needs of the soldiers

INSTITUTIONS AND MECHANISMS IN THE CHURCH AND THE MILITARY THAT MAY BE USED TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE OF LIFE

- European Perspective
 - a. Chaplain Service to promote/to reach out/ to inform the soldiers on the Dialogue of Life
 - b. Commanders should be required to promote ethical and moral matters
 - c. Chaplains could be specialized to be aware of particular military needs

INSTITUTIONS AND MECHANISMS IN THE CHURCH AND THE MILITARY THAT MAY BE USED TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE OF LIFE

- Filipino Perspective
 - a. **Pastoral Visitation**
 - b. **MOP SYNOD**
 - c. **Catholic Organizations/ Covenant Communities**

SOCIAL & ETHICAL CHALLENGES

- European/ Filipino Perspective
 - Extended/ Prolonged assignment to remote areas
 - May break marital vows
 - Vices
 - Parent-child relationship is affected

HOW THE CHAPLAIN SERVICE CAN HELP

- European and Filipino Perspective
 - a. Military chaplains must conduct house-to-house counseling
 - b. Chaplain Service may organize family gatherings/ quality time
 - c. Military Chaplain may suggest to limit the deployment periods (case-to-case basis)