



APOSTOLAT MILITAIRE INTERNATIONAL
the ECCLESIASTICAL ASSISTANT

STRENGTHENING CHRISTIAN VALUES WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES WORLDWIDE

Your Excellency:

As the spiritual advisor to the Apostolate for Military International (AMI), please allow me to support their invitation to the congress in September in the Netherlands. As you know, AMI is a grass roots lay Catholic organization designed to let Catholic military live more virtuously within the rigors of military duty (conflict, natural disasters) and military life (unique burdens on families). It is particularly adept at bringing the insights of various member nations across the globe, including developing nations; together to help one another implement the teaching guidance of the Church.

Each year a different topic is discussed in working groups that react to and add international insight to a number of expert presentations, even sometimes from the Vatican. From these we take back to our own nations not only a broader global insight of the intricacies of the problems military face but a network of friendships that can be called upon to deepen Christ's love in practice. Oftentimes, one nation has already found answers to problems that other nations are beginning to face.

This year's discussion will include dealing with the refugee crisis in both Europe and North America, especially in the light of "Laudato Si" and its challenges to protect the human and natural environment.

Your delegate should bring you back both insight from international experts and practical ways of helping your military (and their families) live with the anguish and accompanying guilt of living in a secure atmosphere while their brothers and sisters in Christ are still searching for similar physical and economic security.

If I can offer you any further clarification of support, please contact me [mucl@hotmail.com] and know that I will always be of support to you and your faithful even if only by my prayers.

Devotedly Yours in Christ,

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