



General Assembly of the Apostolat Militaire International (AMI)

September 18 - 23, 2016

AMI 2015 - 2018

We serve Catholic.

“To live authentically according to the Word of God and to spread the gospel”

Theme AMI 2016

- **The consequences of armed conflicts, especially for Catholic soldiers and their families in the background of LaudatoSi’;**
- **Mercy in Military Life;**
- **Future of AMI.**

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Date	Time	Activity/Topic
Saturday 17.09.16	Afternoon	- Arrival Executive Committee - 16.00 meeting Executive Committee - 19.00 dinner in Huize Bergen
Sunday 18.09.16	All day	- Arrival delegates
	11.00	- Meeting Executive Committee + Prearrangements for the conference + Setup conference office + Arrival and registration of the delegates + Preparation conference/conference room
	13.30 -15.00	- Lunch
	16.00	- Coffee, tea
	16.45	- Welcome address by mr. Leon van der Hulst , chairman of ACOM, followed by a welcome address by General Major (ret) Norbert Sinn , President of AMI
	17.30	- Leaving for the Holy Mass in St. John's Cathedral in s'-Hertogenbosch (http://www.mariajohannes.nl)
	18.00	- Opening Pontifical Service at St. John's Cathedral
	19.30	- Opening Dinner at the Koetshuis, Landgoed Huize Bergen

Monday 19.09.16	08.00	- Breakfast
	09.00	- Welcome address by rear-admiral Henk Itzig Heine, head-director of the personnel department of the Dutch Ministry of Defense (tbc)
	09.10	- Introduction and short presentation of the delegates
	09.45	- Organization of the Military Chaplaincy in the Netherlands by Ron P.J. Geenen MBA, managing director , part 1 - Organization of the Roman Catholic Military Chaplaincy in the Netherlands by Tom van Vilsteren, chief of Chaplains of the Dutch Armed Forces , part 2
	10.15	- Discussion with speakers
	10.45	- Coffee and tea
	11.15	- Lecture A: Laudato Si and its implications in armed conflicts, the question is: do we need an update of Gaudium et Spes; "Just war is possible" by H.E. Bishop Werner Freistetter, military bishop of Austria
	11.45	- Discussion with speaker
	12.30 - 13.30	- Lunch
	13.30 hrs	- Election of the new Ecclesiastical assistant - Reports & discussion by President of AMI and Secretary General
	14.15	- Lecture B: The meaning of mercy in military life by General (ret) Peter van Uhm, former Chief of Defence Staff in the Netherlands
	14.45	- Discussion with speaker
	15.00	- Coffee and tea
	15.30	- Working group on the theme Laudato Si and Mercy
	17.30	- <i>Optional: Reflection/Praying the Rosary</i>
	18.00	- Holy Mass
	19.00	- Dinner in Huize Bergen - Being together
	<i>10.00 - 17.00 hrs</i>	- <i>Spouses Programme</i>

Tuesday 20.09.15	08.00	- Breakfast
	09.00	- Lecture C: Refugees in the light of Laudato Si and the Year of Mercy by H.E. Mons Santo Marciano, Archbishop of the Military Ordinariate of Italy
	09.30	- Discussion
	10.00	- Contribution by the delegate of the USA, Military Council of Catholic Women, by Lady Jane Gottardi , European Regional Director for MCCW.
	11.00	- Coffee/Tea
	11.30	- Working group on the theme Laudato Si and Mercy
	12.30 -13.30	- Lunch
	13.30	- Short introduction by General Norbert Sinn, President of AMI about the future of AMI as NGO
	13.30-15.00	- Brainstorm Future of AMI with all delegates
	15.00	- Coffee/tea
	15.30	- Working groups on the theme Future of AMI as NGO
	17.30	- <i>Optional:</i> Reflection/ Vespers by Tom van Vilsteren
	18.00	- Holy Mass
	19.00	- Dinner in Huize Bergen - Being together
	10.00 - 17.00	- <i>Spouses Programme</i>

Wednesday 21.09.16		
	08.00	- Breakfast
	09.00	- Holy Mass in the H. Hart Kerk in Vught
	10.00	- Tour at Kamp Vught (www.nmkampvught.nl) - Exploring the city of 's-Hertogenbosch (www.kringvrienden.nl)
	19.00	- Dinner at Huize Bergen
	21.00	- Being together

Thursday 22.09.16	08.00	- Breakfast
	08.15	- <i>Optional:</i> Spiritual nourishment, morning prayers by Padre Annie Walscharts
	09.00	- What can be the meaning of AMI acting as a NGO by Fred van Iersel
	09.30	- Discussion
	10.00	- Working groups, Future of AMI
	11.00	- Coffee/tea
	11.30	- Working groups, Future of AMI
	12.30 -13.30	- Lunch
	13.30	- Working groups on the general theme
	15.00	- Coffee/tea
	15.30	- Final results of the working groups/press release
	16.00	- Miscellaneous topics of interest of AMI + Financial Report 2015 + Discharge of the treasurer and of the AMI Secretary General + Election of a new auditing committee + Date, place and topics of the AMI Conference 2017 + Closing address by the President of AMI
	17.00	- End of session, changing clothes
	17.30	- Leaving for the Holy Mass in St. John's Cathedral in 's-Hertogenbosch (http://www.mariajohannes.nl)
	18.00	- Closing Pontifical Service at St. John's Cathedral
		- Reception and Official Closing Dinner in Kasteel Maurick http://kasteel-maurick.nl
		- <i>Spouses Programme</i>

Friday 23-09-16	08.00	- Breakfast
	08.30	- Individual departure delegates