



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA
The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio

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Dear Monsignor/Father,

Warm greetings from the Edwin Cardinal O'Brien Pastoral Center in Washington, DC as we observe the Memorial of Saint Angela Merici.

It is time to begin planning for your participation at the required National Conference of VA Catholic Chaplains to take place at the Convention Center in Cleveland, Ohio from 11 to 14 May next. The theme is 20/20 Vision: the Future of Spiritual Care.

As you know, all full-time and part-time VA priests endorsed by the Archdiocese for the Military Services are required to attend this training event in order to enhance your professional competence and maintain your ecclesiastical endorsement. It is clear that in order to maintain your certification only the NCVACC conference grants the sixteen continuing education credits.

If you have any questions about your attendance, please write to me. While a simple e-mail will suffice: archbishop@milarch.org, I expect the motivation for any exception to the required attendance to be sufficiently serious.

The conference also represents a unique opportunity to gather as a presbyterate in service to the VA. The obligation to participate is a serious one. Each of you should have already received information about this event. This will also be an opportunity to meet Bishop Joseph Coffey, my new Vicar for Veterans' Affairs.

Registration forms and details of the event are available on the NCVACC website www.ncvacc.net. Please bring an alb, white stole and breviary with you for the Conference. Attire is otherwise casual.

Ever grateful for the important ministry that is yours and invoking abundant blessings upon you and your work with the infirm veterans and their families, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio
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