

Position: AMS Missionary
Department: Office of Evangelization
Reports to: Young Adult Missionary Coordinator
Classification: Independent Contractor - Two Year Term

The Mission

To accompany Catholic young adults serving in the military through authentic relationships that grow into discipleship with Christ.

Summary

The role of the AMS Missionary is to form, support, and embolden the military young adult community, ages 18-29 years old, who serve our country as Catholic leaders. The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), is a global archdiocese tasked with the unique opportunity to accompany service members throughout their career while establishing and deepening the foundations of the Catholic faith. As an AMS Missionary, you will be called to awaken and serve the pastoral needs of active-duty young adults.

The pillars of the AMS Missionary life are prayer, community, formation, and accompaniment. Each day is ordered around prayer and the sacraments. Missionaries commit to spending an hour in personal prayer, attending daily Mass and cultivating fellowship with one another. AMS Missionaries embed themselves into the life of the military Catholic faith community to encourage the mission of evangelization.

Job Duties

1. Complete AMS Missionary training in Washington D.C. prior to arrival on a military installation.
2. Cultivate relationships with the young adult community in order to identify unique needs of the young adult community.
3. Commit to a daily holy hour, daily Mass, and community prayer.
4. Through authentic relationship and conversation, discern how to foster an encounter with Christ for the young adult community/communities.
5. Cultivate fellowship with other missionaries through team meals, prayers, retreats and formation.
6. Be an active member of the Catholic community through participation and presence at installation events.
7. Fundraise salary after intensive training and with the support of a coach.
8. Communicate with the staff, priest chaplains, and chapel community pastoral leaders to ensure the alignment of vision and a collaborative spirit are maintained and deepened over time.
9. Check in bi-weekly to the Young Adult Missionary Coordinator relating to updates on community needs, as well as the installation's assigned Catholic Chaplain.

10. Provide feedback and anecdotal experiences via newsletter, blog or social media to donors and to the AMS.
11. Draw young adults into the life and mission of the church through mentoring and equipping them to be missionary disciples.
12. Provide a written, personal assessment of work at least bi-annually to the AMS with recommendations of further missionary initiatives.

Requirements

Education:

- B.A. or B.S. preferred or 4 years of active duty military service

Experience:

- Must be a Catholic in good standing and have an active spiritual life.
- Experience as a missionary desired.
- Military active-duty experience preferred.
- Immersion in Catholic parish life.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Ability to communicate well with others.
- Interpersonal Skills.
- Self-motivated.
- Desire to lead others in constant conversion.

Miscellaneous:

- Background check required.
- Youth protection training required.
- Willingness to relocate to support a U.S. military installation within the United States or possibly overseas.
- Single and married individuals will be considered.

About the Archdiocese:

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), was created by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985 as the only Catholic diocese responsible for the pastoral care of Catholics in the Military, their dependents, patients in VA hospitals, students at the service academies and federal employees working outside of the U.S. The Archdiocese is the only Catholic endorsing agency that endorses and grants faculties for priests to serve as chaplains in the U.S. Military and VA Medical Centers.

AMS-endorsed priests serve at more than 220 U.S. military installations in 29 countries, making the AMS the nation's only global archdiocese. AMS-endorsed priests also serve at 153 VA Medical Centers throughout the U.S.

Worldwide, an estimated 1.8 million Catholics depend on the AMS to meet their spiritual and sacramental needs.