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Very Reverend Redmond Raux, VF Appointed AMS Dean for European Vicariate

Will serve as point of reference for Catholic U.S. military personnel, families and chaplains based in Europe

WASHINGTON, D.C. – His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, has appointed the Very Reverend Redmond Raux, Ch, LtCol, USAF, as Dean for the European Vicariate. In the new position, Father Raux will be able to respond to certain pastoral and canonical needs of Catholics in the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) who live and work in Europe.

Primarily, Father Raux will serve as a point of reference for the chaplains in the area and foster a spirit of collaboration with them. He is currently assigned to Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

The appointment responds to a desire expressed by Bishop F. Richard Spencer, the Archbishop's Vicar for Europe and Asia, whose responsibilities require that he travel much of the year. Father Raux's more stable location at Ramstein will offer a source of information and ecclesial communion for priests and faithful in Europe.

The AMS was created as an independent archdiocese by Pope John Paul II in 1985 as the only Catholic jurisdiction responsible for endorsing and granting faculties for priests to serve as chaplains in the U.S. military and VA Medical Centers.

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

The AMS service population also includes American Catholic civilians working for the federal government in 134 countries, but currently, due to limited resources, the AMS cannot adequately serve this population.

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

For more information on the Archdiocese for the Military Services, visit www.milarch.org, the only official Web site for Catholics in the military and for the Cause of Father Vincent Capodanno, M.M.

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