



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

March 2, 2018

Father Raymond Akeriwe, CH (CPT), USA
U.S. Army Garrison Chaplain
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Dear Father Akeriwe:

This letter is to let you know that Mr. Tom McNew approached the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) several weeks ago to request the AMS's support for his plans to acquire a radio station in the Fort Hood area, and to re-format that station's broadcast with round-the-clock, all Catholic programming. Please know that the AMS Office of Public Affairs and Media Relations approves of Mr. McNew's intentions, and we certainly have no objection to the plans that he has shared with us to start up what he will call "Armor of God Catholic Radio Apostolate."

I know from my own work in the field of Catholic communications that conventional, over-the-air radio has become an increasingly popular, cost-efficient mass media platform for Catholic messaging and evangelization throughout the United States. Over the past 20 years, the number of U.S. Catholic radio stations has grown by leaps and bounds, from just a handful in the late 1990s to several hundred today. I believe Catholics serving at Fort Hood will find a well-programmed local Catholic radio channel informative, inspirational, and useful in the exercise of their faith.

As you know, one of the many advantages of radio is that its broadcast signal can be heard in a wide variety of settings, in the car, at home or at work. Stations typically make their signals accessible online, too, so the listening public has plenty of options for tuning in. This past year, in fact, the AMS launched its own radio-type program, a podcast called *Catholic Military Life*, and we have given Mr. McNew our qualified permission to broadcast episodes on his own channel as he develops sources of Catholic programming of interest to military Catholics.

For more information on the growing role of radio in American Catholic communities, I encourage you to visit the website of the Catholic Radio Association at catholicradioassociation.org. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer any questions or serve as an informational resource regarding Mr. McNew's plans to establish "Armor of God Catholic Radio Apostolate" in the Fort Hood area.

Yours Truly,



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