

AMI ACTION PLAN 2024 – 2027

Working Group 1 (WG1): Delivery of Strategic Advice (DSA)				
Serial	Task	Action / Budget	Responsible	Status
Members: Capt RNLN ret Frank Marcus (NL) chairperson, Lt Col Ulrich Schaeffer (DE), Lt Cdr RNLN John van der Hulst (NL), Col ret Sergiy Lysenko (UA), Chaplain RNLN Tom van der Woude (NL), Head Chaplain Johan van den Eekhout (BE), Brig Gen Peter Schinnerl (AT), Head Chaplain to the Forces Paschal Hanrahan (IRE), Sgt Jordan Marchant (UK), Bishop Oscar Jaime L Florencio (PH), Colonel Jean-Claude Lebuku Papaleta (DRC), Prêtre (Aumônier National) Norbert Kone Nagninhougui (CDI), Aumonier Supérieur Fulgence Kamuntu (BI), Maj Gen George Nganga (KE), Brig Gen (ret) Henry Ofula (KE), Col (Fr) John Njue Njeru (KE), Col Domenico D'Ortenzi (IT).				
General	Quarterly discussions 2024/2025	1400 CET on Wed 6 Aug 25 1400 CET on Wed 5 Nov 25	AMI members WG1	New topic in Mombasa 2024
DSA-1	<p>Testing and enriching “<i>Good practices of the Apostolat Militaire International in the formation of Catholic military laity</i>”</p> <p>Propose close this, as no new input received.</p>	AMI delegates to test the document named “AMI Good practices” and to enrich it with new good practices of the Catholic military. Reveal and enrich the document by member nations (send out by SG). → Done Feedback to be provided on paragraph no. 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 2.1.	AMI SG gets the proposals coming from the AMI delegates of SAB.	The “AMI good practice” document has been shared with all delegates by SG via email on 12 Nov 2023. Comments not later than 1 Nov 24 . To present at the next online WG1 meeting. Ongoing, waiting for members' input/outcomes.
DSA-2	Initiatives to involve more young military in AMI	240912 after AMI Conf. 2024 = more publicity around the CMC-app = to meet each other in Lourdes 16-18 May 25, may be after the sport event or on evening of Sun 18 May = military chaplains and AMI should be visible during the Invictus Games (2025 in Vancouver, Canada) = AMI members can organize local camps or courses in which they mention AMI (Kenya, Germany have courses). Think of local opportunities. Resolution accepted. AMI members would have benefit from an AMI GA resolution about involving young military	AMI EC is looking forward to meeting young military at IMP Lourdes 16 – 18 May 25.	220824. New topic from London 2022 Waiting for input from AMI members → still pending Since Nov 2023, PASFA (in Italy) is reinforcing the CMC App dissemination among young military through several means: Newsletters, VTCs and meetings. More to come.
DSA-3	Moral Injury / Wounded Soul / Suicide Prevention	Think of a tool to share information and experiences concerning Moral Injury between the AMI members. Think about a permanent Working Group How to prevent Moral Injury, PTSD etc. USA presented a schedule that will be worked out in the coming period.	AMI EC is still waiting for proposals from AMI delegates to fund / support more meetings and TTT courses.	New Topic from Mechelen 2023 6 Feb 2024 (via email to all delegates): AMI visit in Ukraine (Nov 2023) to define ways to support them on PTSD.



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		NL took the initiative for a TTT course in Ukraine in Dec 24. Austria and Germany are considering contributing financially to a follow up. Great Britain has already realized a further non-AMI course. A third AMI support team will deploy in Jun 25.		
DSA-4	Introduction Program for potential AMI members	Overview of all information/documents available Provide a Sponsor nation and add a course.	AMI EC should come up with a proposal	New Topic in Mechelen 2023 Dec 2023 No further news from AMI members. Standing by
DSA-5	Supporting military and their families	In Kenya the Kenyan Defence Forces presented their system on the support of the military and their families. Use that as a Best Practise Base for this subject and ask the other AMI members to add their activities as well. The result can be shared, send to the Vatican and form the base for the coming VTC Quarterly Discussions. Input received from Ireland, Belgium, Germany and The Netherlands.	AMI SG is waiting for the input of other members	New topic in Mombasa 2024
DSA-6	Identify Subject Matter Experts	WG1 to identify Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), both individuals and organisations, which can be approached for advice to help inform support to Catholic military.	AMI SG is still waiting for names from the national delegations	

Working Group 2 (WG2): Support to Catholic Military (SCM)				
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Members: Col Fritz AFLENZER (AU) (AKS) and Ms Regina BOMKE (DE) (GKS) as dual chairpersonship, Fr. George MAINGI (KE) vice chairperson, Fr Patrick Dolan (US), John Michael Terry (UK), David Baldwin (UK), Thim Vernooij (NL), Fr Marjeo L Delfin (PH), Van Santvoord Roeland (NL), Johan Van den Eeckhout (BE), Col Veronica Owuor (KE), Fr Frantisek Krusinsky (SK), Fr Harley Flores (PH), Fr Joseph Gomez (GM).				
AMI WG 2 specifically addresses the question of what topics and content soldiers and chaplains require to perform their military service in a way that is strengthened by their faith. As each nation has its own needs and perspective, it is essential that each AMI member nation nominates one representative to WG 2.				
General	WG2 meetings 2025	1400 CET on Tue 11 Feb 25 1400 CET on Wed 7 May 25 1400 CET on Wed 2 Jul 15 1400 CET on Tue 18 Nov 25		All AMI members and associate members nominate a POC for WG2 and provide contact details
SCM-1	Define concrete topics	<u>List of topics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Ethics for Military Leadership; • Ethical challenges in the use of lethal unmanned systems (e.g. drones); • Use of weapons of mass destruction - attitude of Christian soldiers towards their use (even if they are not banned like nuclear weapons); • Military chaplaincy and family - religious and social strengthening; <p>Responsible Artificial Intelligence in the Military Domain</p>	Experts nominated by the POCs from the member states and associated members were engaged to work on the respective topics.	<u>Planned outcome 1:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed in WG 2; • Create documents on the topic to support AMI EC, WG 1 and AMI members; • Use for national religious education of soldiers. <u>Planned outcome 2:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize online evenings on the topics; • Regional – to take time zones into account; Invite “high-level” panelists /speakers;
SCM-2	Christian Ethics for Military Leadership	<p>Creation of an online version and a paper copy of the booklet “Vademecum – 10 Tools for Spiritual Survival”.</p> <p>Budget: Approximately €2000,-</p> <p>Online Evening</p>	WG 2 AMI EC	In progress; The booklet will be completed at the AMI Conference 2025, after which it will be put into practical production. Planned completion: end of 2025. 1 st online evening is planned for November/December 2025
SCM-3	Ethical challenges in the use of lethal unmanned systems	The existing experiences and data already documented, along with LL/LI from the Ukraine conflict, should be consolidated	WG 2 National Experts	In planning. Start after SCM-2 is completed.



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		An AMI factsheet is to be created for soldiers at all levels, as well as a White Paper for AMI EC		
SCM-4	Define AMI Conference Themes	WG 2 discuss possible themes within WG 2 including the next host nation. At the end of an AMI conference, the topic for the next conference should be fixed. The participating nations/organizations can prepare and work on this topic in their national organizations.	WG 2 Next Host Nation WG 1	The theme for the AMI Conference 2026 (Slovenia) will be discussed in WG 2 before the AMI Conference 2025



Media Cell				
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Members: Flt Lt Luke Bluer (UK) Media Cell lead, SSgt Nicholas Cammaroto (US) social media lead, Sgt Christian Vesligay (AT), Rfn Cryston (Chris) Pereira (CA), Fr Michel Remery (NL), 1Lt Maurice Klocke (DE), Cpl Jordan Marchant (UK), KMC (OR4) Katrien Venneman (BE), Mrs Nelleke Nelleke Swinkels-Van de Vorst (NL)				
Media-1	<p>AMI Media. Strategic purpose defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Apostolat. Proclaim Jesus Christ. Carry out the mission of Christ by announcing the good news.Militaire. Overwhelmingly young (20s), although must still be able to communicate with those older.International. Reach out to all nations. <p>AMI Social Media (now part of AMI Media) using:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Instagram. Young military (up to early 30s)Facebook. Older military- TicTok. Not used (security)- X. Not used (toxicity)	<p>AMI Media Cell established (2024):</p> <p>Lead: Flt Lt Luke Bluer (UK)</p> <p>Support: Action: AMI Media Cell to seek nominations from AMI nations</p> <p>AMI Social Media Team established (2023):</p> <p>Lead: SSgt Nick Cammaroto (US)</p> <p>Support (Americas). Rfn Chris Pereira (CA)</p> <p>Support (Europe / Africa). Sgt Christian Vesligay (AT) (TBC)</p> <p>Support (Far East): TBC Action: PH to nominate</p>	<p>AMI Media All AMI nations</p> <p>PH</p>	<p>Awaiting nominations</p> <p>AMI social media now mature (2024)</p> <p>Awaiting PH nomination</p>
Media-2	<p>AMI Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">GA & Conf Host Nation to provide dedicated conference media teamAMI Video Testimonies to be captured at Annual GA & Conf and when other opportunities arise (eg IMP). English and other languages.AMI Media Cell to direct	<p>Action: Host Nation (KE 2024) to edit conference video</p> <p>Action: Focus for KE 2024 to be on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nations not captured in 2023 and 2022- Younger delegates <p>Action: AMI Media Cell (inc AMI Social Media Team) to publish on Facebook / Instagram / YouTube</p>	<p>KE</p> <p>KE</p> <p>AMI Media Cell AMI Social Media Team</p>	<p>Ongoing. 2024 edit awaited.</p> <p>Ongoing. 2024 testimonies awaited.</p> <p>Awaiting video outputs from 2024 GA & Conf</p>



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Media-3	Via Crucis (Way of the Cross, Good Friday) - GA & Conf Host Nation to provide script for scrutiny at preceding GA & Conf - Each AMI Nation to be assigned one (or more) stations and submit video to SG by NLT 1 Mar 25. English language.	Action: Host Nation (PH 2025) to provide script prior to KE 2024, then provide final script to AMI SG Action: AMI SG to edit video by 14 Apr 25 prior to Good Friday 18 Apr 25	PH AMI SG	PH 2025 script approved at KE 2024 with minor amendments only AMI SG to assign stations to nations
Media-4	Catholic Military Connect Application (CMC App)	Lead: Fr Michel Remery (NL) Action: AMI nations (less AT, BE, IT, NL, UK) to request link to national agency (eg website of Military Ordinariate) Action: AMI nations to request CMC App in their own language (less DE, EN, ES, FR, HR, IT, NL, PT and UK which are already in use) Action: AMI Media Cell (inc AMI Social Media Team) to determine further ways to promote use	AMI nations AMI nations AMI Media Cell AMI Social Media Team	CMC App now mature and updated regularly Awaiting requests Awaiting requests CMC App still underused