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RELICS OF MILITARY SAINTS BRING CHANCE FOR PRAYER TO US TROOPS
Relics to visit troops on bases in US and abroad to bring them faith and hope.

LOS ANGELES “ In the midst of war, U.S. service personnel around the world are being given a once in a lifetime opportunity for prayer and reflection as relics of the Catholic saints “considered the patrons of the armed forces” visit bases around the world.

Relics of Saints Anthony of Padua (patron of sailors), Therese of Lisieux, patron of pilots and air crews, and Ignatius of Loyola, patron of soldiers, will begin a tour military bases starting at the Marine Corp Air Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif. on April

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The tour of relics is a joint effort between the Los Angeles-based Apostolate for Holy Relics (AHR), the Archdiocese for Military Services in Washington, DC, and the Constantinian Order of St. George. The relics are currently scheduled to travel to U.S. military bases throughout the United States and Asia, and more bases around the world will be added as the tour continues.

At a time when our service men and women face real challenges and even death on a daily basis, this tour of relics is designed to give them a chance to pray and reflect on the fact that they are not alone, said Thomas Serafin, AHR president. We hope that the opportunity to venerate these relics will inspire them and help give them the spiritual strength they need as they face situations that most of us at home can”t even imagine.

The tour will run for as long as bases request the relics. A complete schedule is available at www.relictour.org

The Apostolate for Holy Relics is a California non-profit organization that has previously organized tours of relics throughout the United States, drawing hundreds of thousands of people.