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PONTIFICIUM CONSILIUM  
DE SPIRITUALI MIGRANTUM  
ATQUE ITINERANTIUM CURA

*Apostolatus Maris*

6161/2011/AM

Re: XXIII World Congress of the Apostleship of the Sea

I am pleased to announce the celebration of the **XXIII World Congress of the Apostleship of the Sea** and to send some initial information in this regard.

The event, organized by this Pontifical Council, will be held in the **Vatican, from 19 to 23 November 2012.**

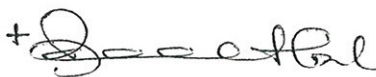
Following the line of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which will be held in October 2012, a month before the beginning of our meeting, the theme of our Congress will focus on “new evangelization”. Through reflection, prayer and sharing, we will examine the current situation of our apostolate so as “*to trace the new methods and means for transmitting the Good News to people in our world today with a renewed enthusiasm*” (Lineamenta, Synod of Bishops 2012).

This World Congress is an important moment in the life of the Apostleship of the Sea. We therefore hope to be able to bring together people who, for various reasons, are involved in this pastoral ministry and we are counting on everyone’s cooperation to make this event a successful one.

In the near future we will forward additional information regarding the accommodations in Rome and the necessary documentation to allow you to prepare well for the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

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✠ Antonio Maria Vegliò  
President

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✠ Joseph Kalathiparambil  
Secretary

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To the Presidents of the Episcopal Conferences  
To the Bishops Promoters  
To the Regional Coordinators  
To the National Directors  
To Chaplains and Pastoral agents of the Apostleship of the Sea

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