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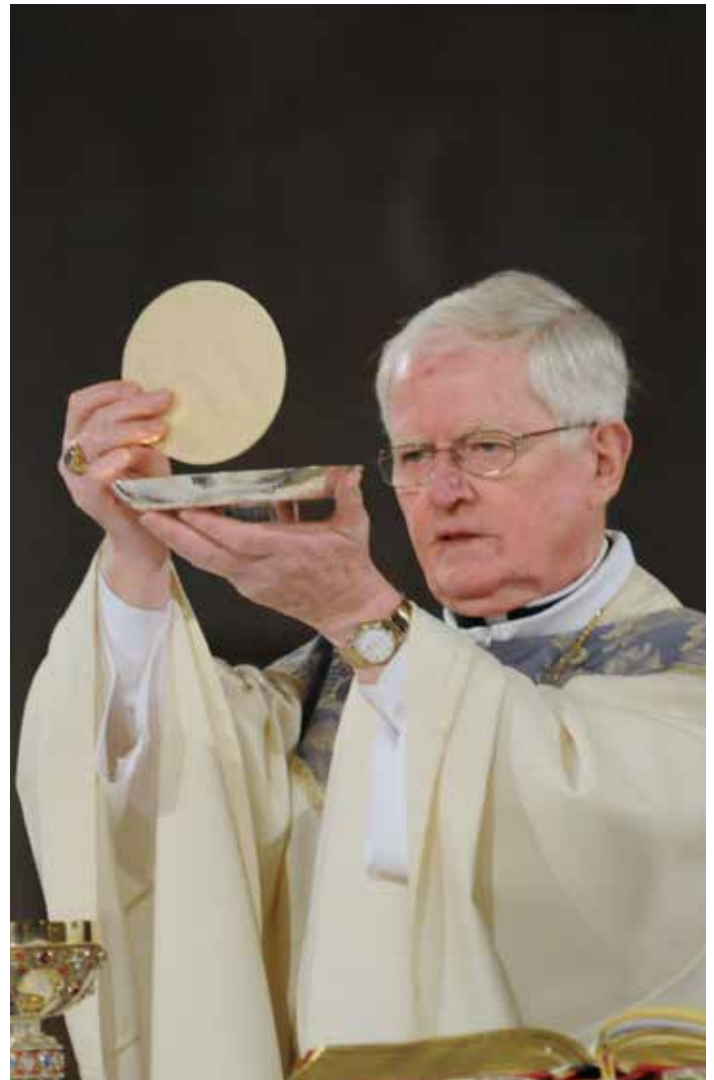
In his profound love of the sea and ministry to the people of the sea, Bishop Kevin Boland joined the AOS-USA Cruise Ship Priest Program in March of 2005. In January 2008, he became a member of the Subcommittee of the Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers (PCMRT) and was appointed Bishop Promoter of the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) in the United States on February 28, 2008.



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As the Bishop Promoter, Bishop Boland was responsible for encouraging the bishops to recognize the needs of people of the sea that are present in their respective dioceses, and encourage them to direct resources to meet their pastoral needs. Vatican II, Decree on the Pastoral Office of the Bishops in the Church, *Christus Dominus* lays out the responsibilities of the local bishop, towards the people of the sea, especially the visiting seafarer; "Special concern should be shown for those among the faithful who, on account of their way of life, cannot sufficiently make use of the common and ordinary pastoral care of parish priests or are quite cut off from it. Among this group are the majority of migrants, exiles and refugees, seafarers...." (*Christus Dominus* #18).

During the PCMRT webinar presentation on March 22, 2010, Bishop Boland noted, "the needs of the invisible and silent merchant mariner, fisherman, seafarer spouse and retired seafarer to quality pastoral care are as needed as an inner-city community needs a pastor who is a good community organizer, or a new subdivision needs a new parish...the Catholic Church's ministry to the people of the sea is not a marginal ministry, but is an essential ministry of the Church". Thank you, Bishop, for encouraging Dioceses with Maritime personnel to ensure that there is an active, viable Apostleship of the Sea ministry, and to ensure that



Bishop J. Kevin Boland, Maritime Day Mass 2013



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AOS Port Chaplains and Pastoral Agents have the proper training and support for this ministry.

After the BP oil spill on April 20, 2010, Bishop Boland offered prayers for the victims of the oil rig explosion and their families, and for those fishermen and others whose livelihoods were threatened by the environmental damage to the Gulf.

On April 10, 2012, he participated in the 100th Anniversary Blessing of the Titanic, by blessing several wreaths and hundreds of rose petals at a ceremony in Boston. These items were then taken to the site of the ship's sinking and laid upon the water, by the US Coast Guard, on April 14, 2012.

He participated in the XXIII World Congress of the Apostleship of the Sea on 19th – 23rd November 2012 in Vatican City. He also participated and played major role in various North American Maritime Ministry Association Annual Conferences.

He gave support to AOS-USA and the Confraternity of Our Lady Star of the Sea on a joint project to create a Marble Relief of Our Lady Star of the Sea, which was dedicated on May 24, 2015 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC.

Bishop Boland continued to be present and promoted the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and the People of the Sea at the department of Transportation, and the annual Masses at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. He encouraged dioceses to commemorate the national day by remembering the men and women of the sea in homilies and encouraged them to offer special petitions during Masses. "In a special way, let us remember those who have lost their lives at sea and those in dangerous situations," Bishop Boland urged. His advocacy, devotion, dedication and passion for the People of the Sea can never be surpassed.

Thank you, your Excellency, for the many years of service; thank you for the hearts you have touched; thank you for making it clear to us through the years that the People of the Sea are our brothers and sisters with spiritual needs, and that we need to accompany them in their joys and trials in life, so they may grow in faith and understanding of God's love.

On behalf of the Subcommittee, on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers, I wish to express our deepest and most sincerest gratitude to you for your commitment and support of the Apostleship of the Sea. Your leadership and tireless efforts touched many lives and helped improve the conditions of Port ministries. The milestones we have achieved in the development and sustenance of AOS would not have been easy without your commitment to what we are all about and support to our efforts.

Be assured that our prayers are with you. May the good Lord be kind to you as you were to us; that the years ahead of you may be filled with His divine abundance; that the Lord may guide your steps and your ways.

# Apostleship of the Sea National Office Welcomes New Bishop Promoter

by Sr. Joanna Okereke, HHCJ



Bishop Brendan J. Cahill

The USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church/Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers is pleased to announce the appointment of **Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, STD**, bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, TX as the Bishop Promoter for the Apostleship of the Sea. He begins his tenure on July 2017.

Bishop Cahill, a priest of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, was actively involved in the port ministry in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston prior to his appointment as Bishop of Victoria.

Bishop Cahill has shown great interest in the Apostleship of the Sea ministry and is willing to give directives to the pastoral structure to accomplish the tasks and mission to seafarers and maritime personnel. One of his tasks is promoting AOS ministry in the various archdioceses that have ports and to encourage interest in the apostolate among his fellow bishops. He also is tasked with giving account of maritime pastoral issues and concerns as well as support to the national director to properly carry out her duties.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bishop Cahill for accepting to assume this important pastoral responsibility. His leadership and experience in maritime ministry will be beneficial to foster the work of the maritime apostolate.

Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) is a Catholic maritime ministry that reaches out to seafarers, fishers, their families, port personnel and all who work or travel on the high seas. The maritime ministry shows the Church's care and concern to seafarers who cannot participate in regular parish life because of the nature of their work. A network of AOS port chaplains and leaders provides spiritual and practical assistance that accommodates a seafarer's unique lifestyle and needs.

AOS is present in 53 American seaports and waterways, representing 48 dioceses and archdioceses with maritime ports. Priest chaplains, deacons, religious and lay people extend hospitality by providing pastoral assistance to seafarers and all people of the sea including port personnel and other port workers in the Stella Maris centers and maritime hospitality centers and during ship visits, assisting seafarers to communicate with families at home, providing transportation to local businesses.

## Advocates Ask Consumers to Consider Plight of Seafood Industry Workers

by Rhina Guidos

**WASHINGTON (CNS)**—Advocates for those who work in the world's oceans called on consumers to pay attention to the plight of workers who toil on the high seas to make seafood available.

"There's a lot of attention focused on seafood and our diet but not much attention paid to where our seafood comes from. The worker aspect of it is left out," said Elizabeth Shuler, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO, which hosted a program on the issue Jan. 10 at its Washington headquarters.

The presentation centered around a series by The New York Times called "The Outlaw Ocean." The project focused on eight stories that documented the lawlessness that takes place aboard ships in some parts of the world where legal oversight is largely absent. The series highlight sex crimes, worker killings, kidnapping, slavery and the stranding of workers on boats or ships in addition to overfishing and spills of waste products, said reporter Ian Urbina, who wrote the stories and was part of the presentation. The series identifies "the diversity of crime out there" on the oceans, said Urbina, who traveled to 15 countries and five oceans for the project.

Urbina said sometimes there's a "blue-green divide" when it comes to organizations or groups concerned with the crimes that take place on the seas. The blue meaning unions concerned about worker issues, calling for better protection of workers, shedding light on slavery or sexual or financial exploitation, as well as



human rights. The green meaning groups concerned with spills, environmental justice, the conditions for animals of the sea such as dolphins and whales. What's important, he said, is to shed light on all of these concerns and keep them at the forefront of governments and entities that can do something about them.

Jacqueline Smith, president of the Norwegian Seafarers Union, said during the presentation that advocates must do more to educate others on the issues. Though it's important to those in organizations that deal with labor and environmental issues, what's more important is to get consumers and agencies that can do something about it to cooperate, she said.

"There's a limit to how people listen to what we say," Smith said. "We need to raise awareness from the converted (those who know about the issues) and get it to the regulators and consumers."

But competing for the public's attention when there are so many issues can be daunting, she said. Even so, people should care about the conditions that workers suffer so they can put fish on consumers' tables. After all, they care about such things as fair trade coffee and other causes involving production of what they consume. And yet it's hard to keep the public's attention on issues, she said.

"What's here today is gone tomorrow," she said. "It's not sexy to talk about the same things."

Advocates want to propose events such as a campaign to inform consumers about the sources of the fish they eat and also to raise awareness about the suffering of seafaring workers.

The Catholic Church repeatedly has called for better conditions for those who work on the seas. Through its Apostleship of the Sea ministry, which oversees the spiritual and pastoral care of those working at sea, it has called on countries and agencies to find ways to safeguard the rights of workers.

## Captain John



My trips to the fishing docks in San Leon, Dickinson, Texas City and Galveston can keep me busy. Sometimes I find folks there and sometimes the boats are all out or they are done for the day. It's a hit and miss kind of ministry. I kind of have a routine in which I visit the docks in a certain order to make it more efficient fuel wise on my car. Most days I hit a certain dock in San Leon and know I will find shrimpers there.

Today there was no one. That meant I moved onto the next dock.

When I got to the dock I saw a boat there I hadn't seen there before. I parked and got out to walk down the pier. As I was walking I saw the young man jump on the dock and throw the lines. Then he got back on board and began backing away from the pier. I was still coming down the pier and waved at him. He slowed the engine and came out on the deck. He asked me if there was something I needed. I introduced myself and told him I am the chaplain for the port and just wanted to tell him I'd be praying for him out on the Bay. He jumped back off the boat and gave me a great big hug.

He told me that he had been hoping to feel God was near because he's been going through a rough time and was feeling pretty alone. He is a single father of two little girls. He just put his last \$100 in his boat as fuel hoping the catch for the day would give him food money and enough to buy a birthday present for his six year old, whose birthday is today.

I told him I saw him backing out and wasn't going to try and stop him because I know how busy he is but something pushed me to keep going down the pier. I gave him \$30 worth of grocery gift cards and exchanged information with him so he could let me know if he needs more help and I can have his phone number to check on him.

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I call these things “thin spaces”. Thin spaces are the places on earth that are so close to heaven that you can feel heaven all around you when you have this experience.

God bless you, Captain John. And God bless your little girls!

## 2016 Charleston Port and Seafarers’ ‘Taste of the World’: A Wonderful Event for All

by John G. Panagiotou



Charleston Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo and John G. Panagiotou

On the evening of Thursday, November 3, 2016, the Seafarers fundraising event “Taste of the World” at the Omar Shrine Convention Center in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. This marked the eleventh year of this annual event.

Approximately four hundred attendees and many volunteers came out in support of this worthwhile cause

which featured food from thirty-six restaurants, a silent auction, and a live auction. One of the most prominent attendees was Bishop Robert Guglielmo of the Diocese of Charleston.

Of particular note, this winter marked the 195th anniversary of the Charleston Port Seafarers’ Society. Originally created in 1821 to raise funds to establish an Episcopalian-sponsored Mariners’ Church in downtown Charleston, it gradually evolved into an outreach mission for the purpose of providing hospitality to the international seafarers who had found port at the city. Today, more than 65,000 seafarers arrive in through the Charleston waterways with 20,000 coming to the Wando Terminal in Mt. Pleasant where the Society’s main office is now located.

Though still Episcopal Church affiliated with its leadership coming from Episcopal priest Fr. Len Williams, it has truly grown to an ecumenical outreach. The Seafarers’ Society provides all of its services free to the seamen. Services which are provided include: access to the internet, phones to contact home, and rides to shop for needed amenities. In the course of the year, volunteers board 821 ships, serve 51,120 officers and 14,760 crew members in the ministry center and provide about 1,700 personal transportation trips for crew members.

Plans are being made already for the “2017 Taste of the World” to be held on November 2, 2017.

*John G. Panagiotou is a theologian and writer who is a graduate of Wheeling Jesuit University and St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. He is the owner of Zeon Financial Group and is currently a Lecturer in New Testament Greek at Cummins Theological Seminary in Summerville, SC. Panagiotou has volunteered at Charleston Seafarers’ events such as ‘Taste of the World’ for several years.*

## Apostleship of the Sea Ministry

by Deacon Milton Vega



**JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**—Our ministry collects Christmas donations during the month of December and distributes what we gather to a variety of mariners that come to our two main port facilities at Talleyrand and Blount Island. This is a tradition that has been carried out for several years, and we have been blessed in the past with generous donations from a variety of churches and organizations in the Jacksonville area. Our primary focus of the distribution is the actual mariners onboard the ships, whom are away from home and often take what we donate to send back home.

We always look forward to the Holiday Season with great joy and anticipation, as we look forward to doing our part in bringing some joy to the mariners of the seas that bring all the goods to our shores, while being deprived of being home for Christmas to enjoy the Holiday Season with their loved ones. Our volunteers and I, are the friendly faces and people they get to talk to during the Holiday Season.

There is a ship anchored in our Talleyrand terminal which has been stranded for two months here due to engine problems, so I am forward to bringing them some joy in whatever form we can, to make this holiday season a special one for them. We are praying, that perhaps their problem is resolved before Christmas gets here, but if it is not, they will get special attention, since I have been the constant presence in their ship for the time they have been here. Christmas is about the reason for the season, and gifts are a good way to show our appreciation, so I hope we can live up to this expectation.

Unfortunately for the past two years or three years we have experienced a diminishing number of donations, and what we now collect sometimes comes to us so late in the Christmas Season, that we are forced to give Christmas packages past the 25th of December. On the other hand, and fortunately, since many of our

mariners celebrate the orthodox Christmas or the Epiphany, in which some countries is when gifts are handed out, it all works well in the end. However, as Director of this Ministry I am somewhat concerned because as of this note to you, we have yet to receive any donations, and we are already in Advent Season with Christmas looming around the corner.

We are reaching out to the communities that have helped us in the past, and like it always happens in Christmas, the spirit of the season cause small miracles to happen, and that is what my volunteers and I are hoping for; to continue to bring joy to the people we serve.

Thus keeping in mind that our volunteers are the essential link to those in the vessels, as they are our point of contact with them, I am having a Christmas get together with them early December, so as to be able to thank them for all the work they do, and the contributions they make to the ministry.

Thanks, be to God, when all things are considered, regardless of the circumstances we may be at, the greatest joy of this season is knowing that Christ, our Lord and Savior was given to us by the Father, as the greatest gift that humanity could ever have. May we all have a blessed and joyful Christmas Season, as we look forward to a New and Prosperous New Year.

*Deacon Milton Vega is the Director of the Apostleship of the Sea Ministry for the Diocese of Saint Augustine, Jacksonville, Florida*

## National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea, May 22

**WASHINGTON** —The National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea will be celebrated on May 22. The day is observed in conjunction with National Maritime Day in the United States of America, which has been celebrated since 1933 to honor those who serve as merchant mariners and to recognize the benefits of the maritime industry.

Most Reverend J. Kevin Boland, bishop emeritus of Savannah, Georgia and Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) promoter, encouraged dioceses to mark the national day by remembering the men and women of the sea in homilies and by including special petitions during Mass. When Mass is celebrated on May 22, the text for the Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea, is encouraged.

Bishop Boland will celebrate a Mass in observance of Maritime Day on Saturday, May 20, at 12:10 p.m., in the Crypt Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The Mass is sponsored by the AOS national office

and the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

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In the United State, AOS is present in 53 maritime ports in 26 States, and in 48 USA arch/dioceses. Priest chaplains, deacons, religious and lay people extend hospitality by providing a "home away from home" for seafarers. AOS has 10 Stella Maris centers, and over 100 chaplains and pastoral teams, including priests, religious, deacons and lay ecclesial ministers providing many services including: Mass, communion, confession and other sacraments, assistance to seafarers in distress, ship visits, transportation to visit business centers, a place to relax while on the port, computers with internet connection at the center, cell phones and phone cards as well as facilitating seafarers' access to services that others provide.

In his profound love of the sea and ministry to the people of the sea, Bishop Boland, remarked, "the needs of the invisible and silent merchant mariner, fisherman, seafarer spouse and retired seafarer to quality pastoral care are as needed as an inner-city community needs a pastor who is a good community organizer, or a new subdivision needs a new parish...the Catholic Church's ministry to the people of the sea is not a marginal ministry, but is an essential ministry of the Church". He encouraged dioceses with Maritime personnel to ensure that there is an active, viable Apostleship of the Sea ministry, and to ensure that AOS Port Chaplains and Pastoral Agents have the proper training and support for this ministry.

Visit - AOS site for more information: <http://www.usccb.org/AOS>





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# THANK YOU BISHOP BOLAND!



*Bishop Boland visits AOS Baltimore, May 2012.*



*Gloucester Massachusetts Fishermen representatives with Bishop Boland after the Maritime Day Mass (May 24, 2014).*



*AOS breakfast meeting, November 13, 2012.*



*Bishop Boland Meeting with the Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership and Boston Fisheries Foundation in May 2015.*



*Sr. Myrna Tordillo and Bishop Boland at the 2009 Sea Services pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD.*

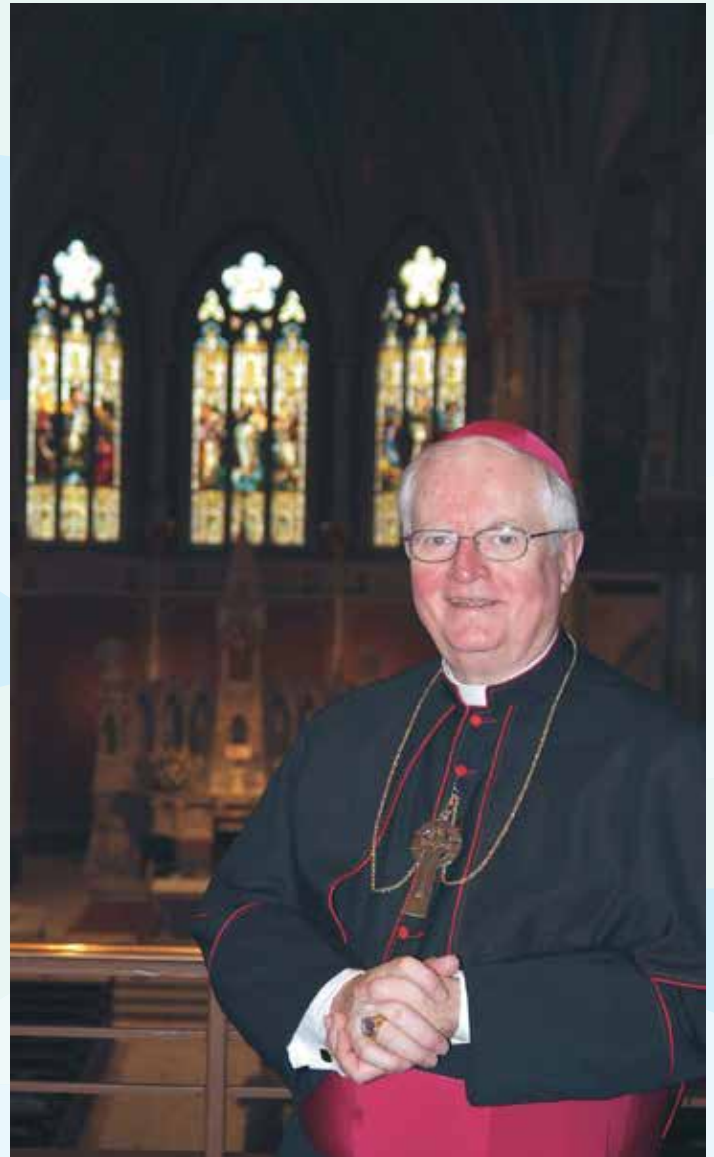




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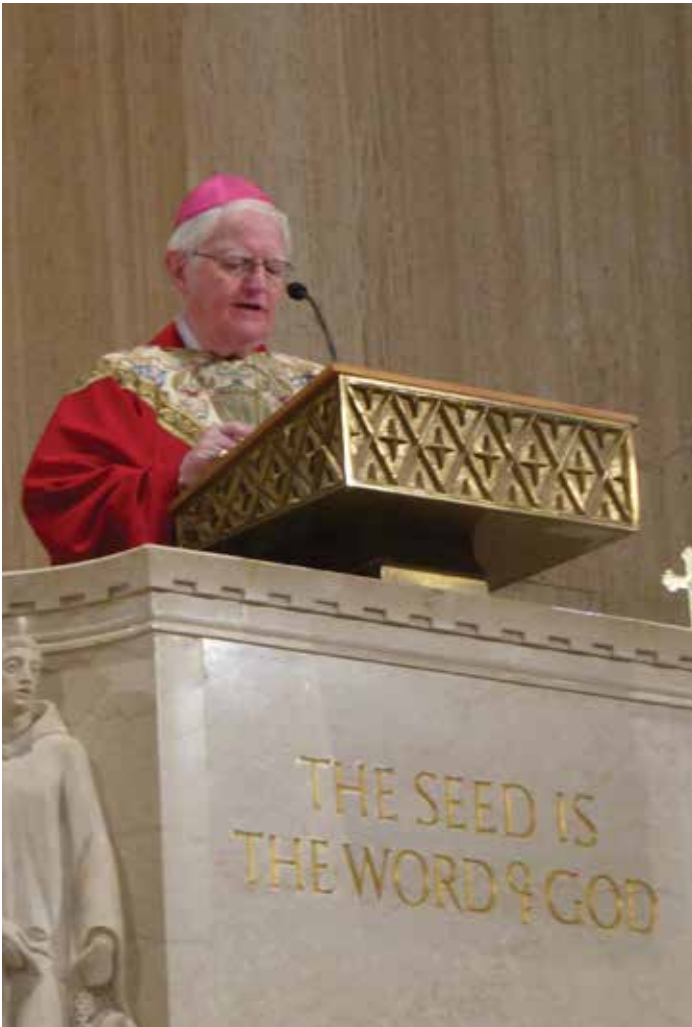
*Bishop Boland at the 2015 National Maritime Day Observance, US Department of Transportation on Thursday, May 21, 2015 in Washington, DC.*



*Bishop Boland, official photo from the Diocese of Savannah, where he serves as Bishop Emeritus in addition to his responsibilities with AOS.*



*Gloucester Massachusetts Fishermen representatives meeting with Bishop Boland at USCCB May 23, 2014*



*Maritime Day Mass and Dedication of the Roundel of Our Lady Star of the Sea. Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC (May 24, 2015).*



*January 2010 Planning Meeting in Savannah, GA. L to R: Fr. Sinclair Oubre, Bishop Boland, Sr. Myrna Tordillo, MSCS (former National Director of AOS), and Doreen M. Badeaux (Secretary General, AOS-USA).*



*AOS-USA 14 Annual Conference, held in Corpus Christi, TX in April 2014.*



*AOS-USA 13th Annual Conference, held in Jacksonville, FL. Photo taken after Mass with the Bishop of Diocese of St. Augustine (April 2013).*





*AOS-USA 13th Annual Conference, Jacksonville, FL (April 2013).*



*Attendees at the XXIII AOS World Congress, held at the Vatican (November 2012).*



*Bishop Boland and Fr. Bill Reynolds at the AOS-USA 12 Annual Conference, held at Seafarers' International Union Hall, Houston, TX in May 2012.*



*Bishop Boland and Fr. Sinclair Oubre at the AOS-USA 12 Annual Conference, held at Seafarers' International Union Hall, Houston, TX (May 2012).*



*Bishop Boland celebrating Mass during AOS Board Meeting 2008.*



*Sr. Joanna Okereke (National Director of AOS), Bishop Boland, and Dr. Angela Sanfilippo (Exec. Director of the Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership), May 24, 2015, Washington, DC.*





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Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) International I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your ten years of service as AOS Bishop Promoter for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Your commitment and dedication to the cause of the people of the sea has been an exemplary one, that you have carried on even after your retirement as Local Ordinary of the Diocese Savannah.

As an experienced captain, you have navigated the AOS through the changes of times in the maritime industry and the challenges to respond to the pastoral needs of seafarers' fishers and their families.

Now that you are leaving the maritime ministry, we are grateful for the support and encouragement that you have given throughout the years to the AOS chaplains and volunteers in the USA and pray that Mary "Star of the Sea" will continue to shine in your life, to protect and to guide you.

With gratitude,

Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson  
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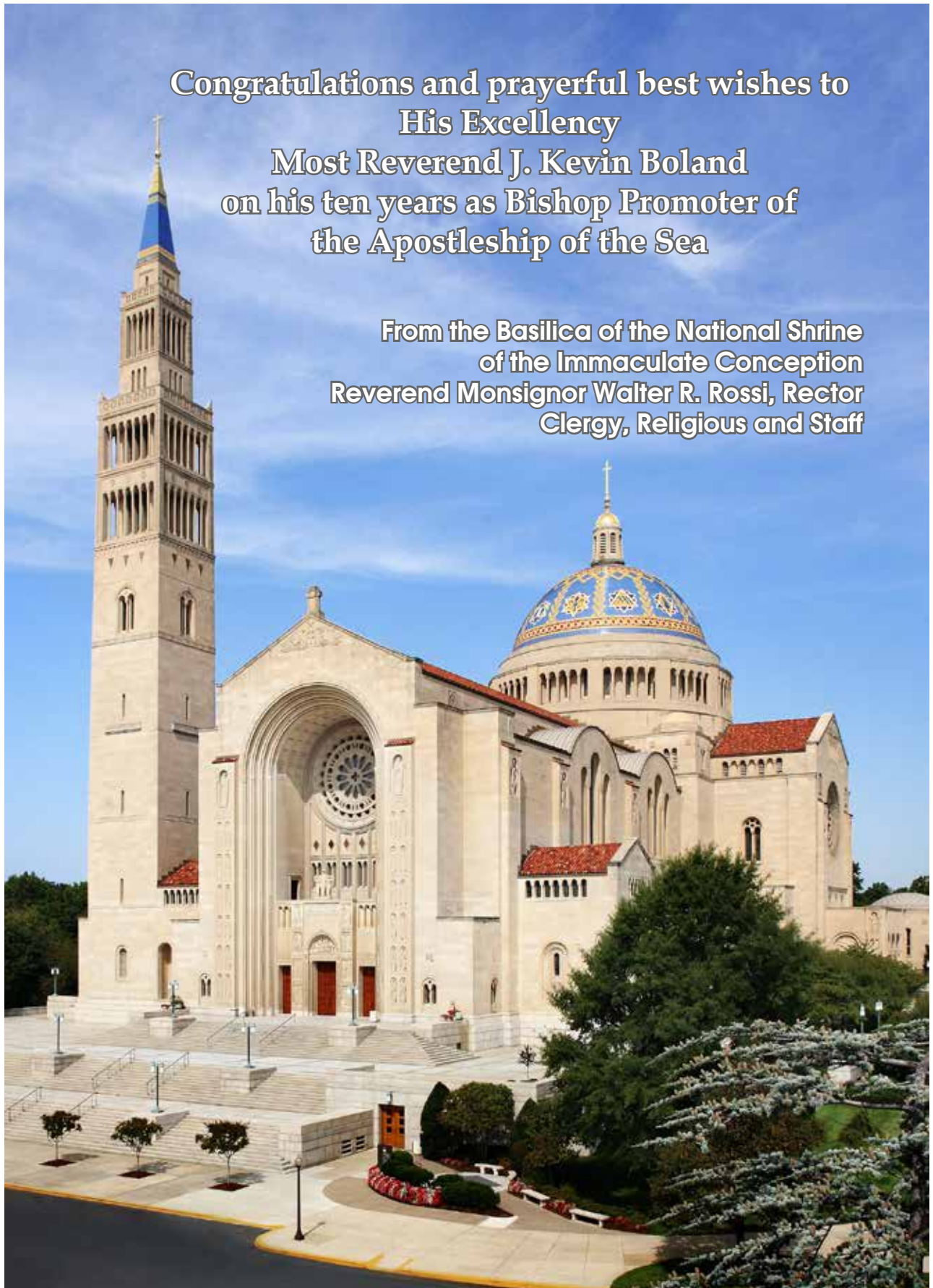
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Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to  
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on his ten years as Bishop Promoter of  
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From the Basilica of the National Shrine  
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Thank you Bishop Boland!



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May 20, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is a joy for me to welcome all of you to the Archdiocese of Washington as you gather in observance of the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea for the 2017 Maritime Day Mass. Joining in spiritual solidarity with you, it is my hope that this will be a time of grace for all of us.

In his post-synodal apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, touches on the importance of supporting one another and sharing our love and compassion with others as we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, no matter where we are – land or sea. “Each of us, by our love and care, leaves a mark on the life of others... seeking to bring out the best in them” (322). He encourages us to participate in a “profound spiritual experience to contemplate our loved ones with the eyes of God and to see Christ in them.” He goes on to say, “We can be fully present to others only by giving fully of ourselves and forgetting all else” (323). May this day of prayer and remembrance be a time to reflect on our role as one family in Christ in supporting each other, especially those who dedicate their lives to service at sea.

In a particular way, I offer Bishop Kevin Boland heartfelt congratulations as His Excellency completes ten years of service as Bishop Promoter of the Apostleship of the Sea. This Mass provides me an opportunity to express my gratitude as well for his tireless leadership he has provided to the People of the Sea.

Asking God’s grace and blessings on you and your families through the intercession of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, and with every good wish, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

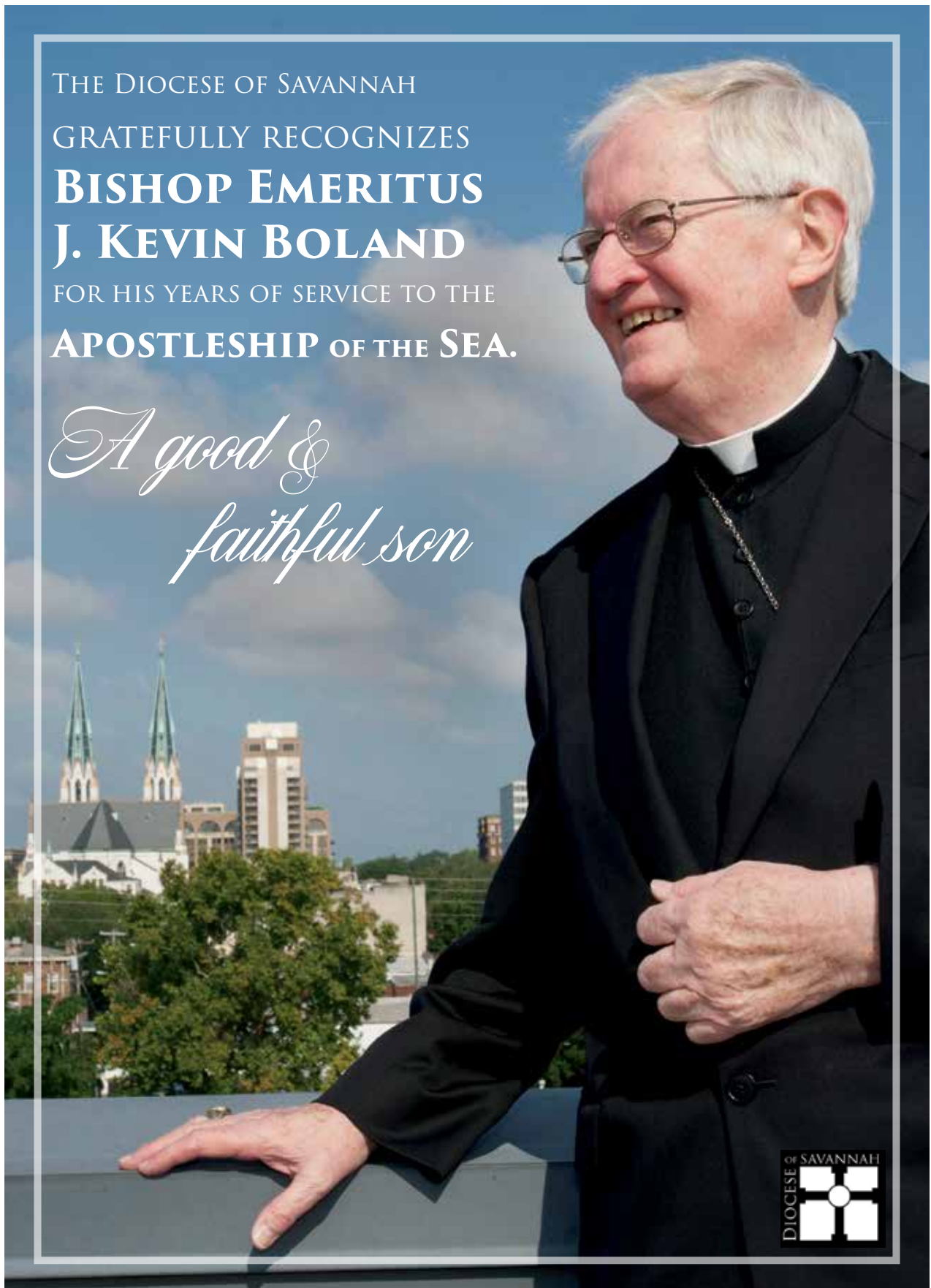


Archbishop of Washington

2017 Maritime Day Mass

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FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
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## Bishop J. Kevin Boland

Fishing Partnership Support Services thanks  
Bishop J. Kevin Boland for his dedicated service  
as Bishop Promoter of the *Apostleship of the Sea*.

The maritime community is fortunate  
to have had Bishop J. Kevin Boland's  
care and support for the past ten years.





## BISHOP BOLAND

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD. IRELAND SENT US THEIR BEST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AS BISHOP PROMOTER FOR THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA. YOU ARE A BLESSING TO MARINERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES.



LASTLY, WE WILL CHERISH THE MEMORY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE STELLA MARIS ROUNDEL AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, 2014.

JOE AND LONA COX



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## THE MASSACHUSETTS FISHERMEN'S PARTNERSHIP

WITH GREAT APPRECIATION

TO

BISHOP J. KEVIN BOLAND

FOR HIS DEDICATION AND WORK TO HELP

THOSE WHO SAIL AMID THE STORMY AND DANGEROUS

WATERS OF THE SEA

TO SERVE AND FEED THE WORLD

“MAY THE HANDS OF FRIENDS ALWAYS BE NEAR YOU, AND  
MAY GOD FILL YOUR HEART WITH GLADNESS TO CHEER YOU”

Congratulations and Best wishes !



*Dear Bishop Boland,*

*We (Father Stephen Gallegos, Joanne Morris, Carol Townsend, Patricia Huang, Florencia Yang and Michael Huang) are blessed and honored to know you, and touched by your love for us and those you have served.*

*Some years ago I had the great privilege of being on a Cruise with you. I am most grateful for the pastoral care you gave to all on the cruise. I pray God continue blessing you and showing you the same love you gave all of us. You will be in my prayers.*

*Father Stephen Gallegos, C.M.*

*We thank God for your service and we thank you and send you our best wishes and love !*



The Auxiliary Bishops, clergy, and faithful of  
the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA,  
join

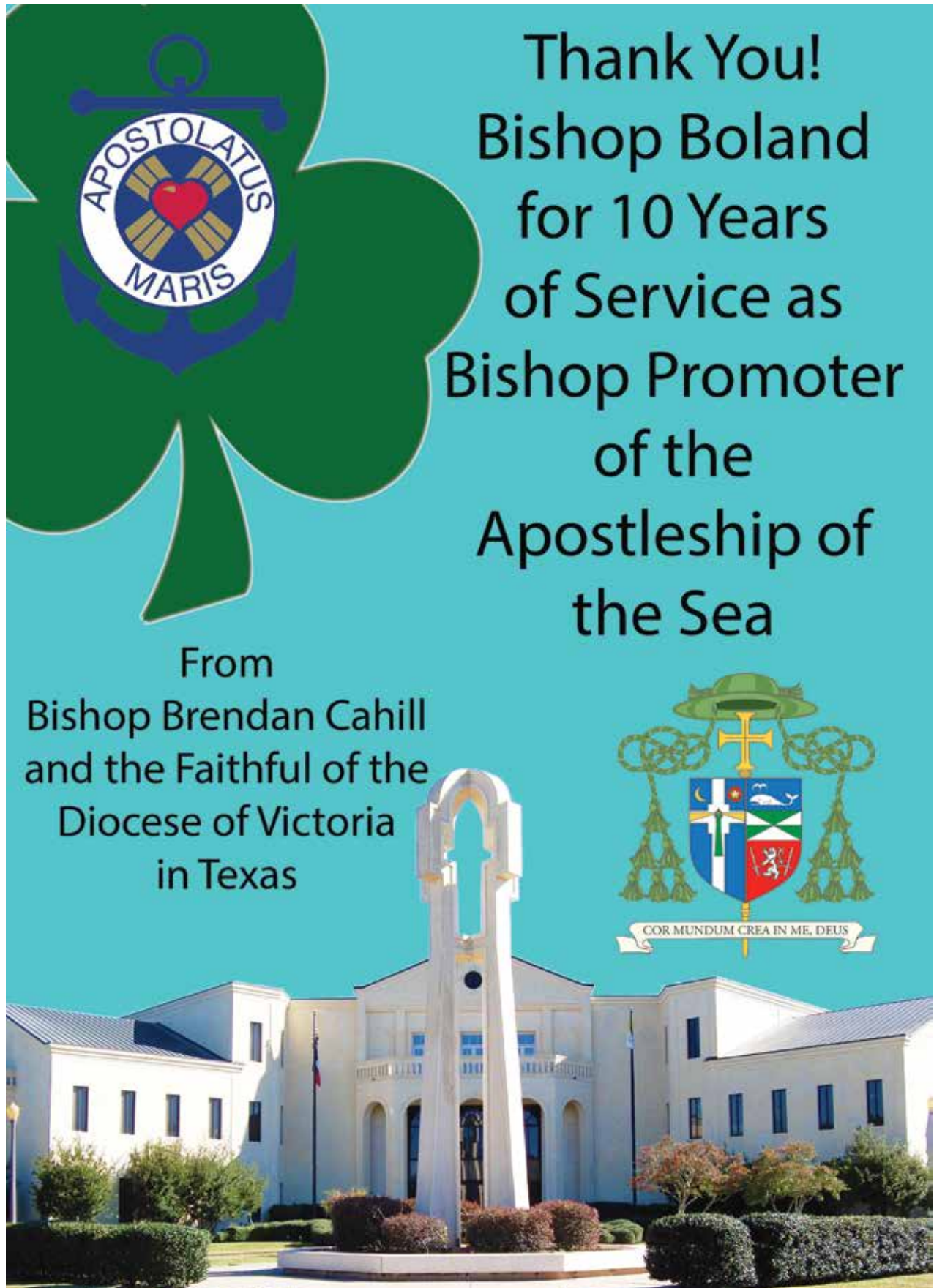
*Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio*

in congratulating and thanking

*the Most Reverend J. Kevin Boland*

for his service as  
Bishop Promoter of the  
Apostleship of the Sea.





To our beloved Bishop Boland,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bishop Kevin Boland as an able and skilled promoter of AOS, the US bishop conference. Over the years since I have known Bishop Boland, who has promoted our AOS chaplains and volunteers. On numerous occasions, our seafarers and chaplains have been tremendously blessed and encouraged by his messages. On our newsletters, He is able to effectively communicate a message of hope and encouragement in a way that impacts our seafarers from all over the world. May God continually bless his life and his beloved family!

Sincerely,  
Fr. Peter Lin at Port of Everglades, Florida

Warmest felicitation for Bishop Kevin Boland on his retirement. Indeed he will be truly missed in our company of the Apostleship of the sea. Bishop Boland, who guided the rudder of MV AOS through thick and thin for 10 years as the bishop promoter. Please continue to pray for AOS chaplains as you inspire us to shepherd the “invisible flock and parishioners beyond our borders”, the seafarers. Ad Multos Annos!

Rev. Lito J. Capeding  
Chaplain  
AOS, Mobile, Alabama USA

Dear Bishop Boland,

Thank you for entrusting me with the ministry of priest chaplain for the AOS in Savannah in one capacity or another since 2003, and most wonderfully, as full-time AOS Chaplain for the past three years at what is now the fourth-busiest port complex in the U.S.! Without your love, support, and understanding of the importance of this very special and often misunderstood ministry, our service in Savannah would be very limited. Thank you for the countless meetings, the Masses, the prayers, all the travel, all the reading and study, all you have done to make our ministry to the People of the Sea a true joy!

With love, Fr. Richard Young, AOS Savannah

We at Stella Maris Seafarers Center of Lake Charles, LA. Would like to thank you for your many years of generous service to the people of the sea. I valued your comments and direction you gave me each time we met. May God grant you fair winds and smooth sailing.

Deacon Patrick Lapoint & staff  
of the Stella Maris Seafarers Center  
of Lake Charles, La.





# THANK YOU MOST REV. J. KEVIN BOLAND



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF  
GALVESTON-HOUSTON

Regrettably, I am unable to accept this invitation because of prior diocesan obligations scheduled.

With assurances of my prayers for God's blessings upon you in all your ministerial endeavors.

+ Daniel Cardinal DiNardo  
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston



ARCHDIOCESE  
of BALTIMORE

Thank you for the invitation to the Apostleship of the Sea Mass in Washington on May 20, 2017. You are fortunate to have Bishop Kevin Boland with you.

Unfortunately, I have duties here, including Confirmation in the northeast corner of Maryland, that make it unwise for me to travel west that day.

I pray that your celebration will go well. My uncle was a merchant mariner during World War II and I know it is important to support the faith of our seafaring Catholics.

May God bless all your efforts to do so!

+Mark E. Brennan  
Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore



Diocese of Venice  
in Florida

With acknowledgement of the ministry of Bishop Boland, may he experience a sense of joy as his term as Bishop Promoter of the Apostleship of the Sea comes to a completion.

+ Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



Diocese  
of Toledo

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend due to previously scheduled pastoral commitments.

+ Daniel Thomas  
Diocese of Toledo



ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND  
IN OREGON

Please accept my regrets as my schedule does not allow my participation.

All the best.

+ Alexander K. Sample  
Archbishop of Portland



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April 12, 2017

Most Reverend J. Kevin Boland  
Bishop Promoter  
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Your Excellency,

Allow me this opportunity to thank you for your dedicated service of ten years as the Bishop Promoter of the Apostleship of the Sea. As a bishop who has a maritime port in my archdiocese, I realize the importance of this ministry to the thousands of seafarers who visit the Port of Baltimore seeking spiritual guidance and assistance.

As you conclude your tenure as Bishop Promoter, I thank you for your loving service to our seafarers and wish you many more years of service to the Lord and His Church.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori  
Archbishop of Baltimore

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*The Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church / Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers, sends our deepest gratitude to Most Rev. J. Kevin Boland for his ten years as Bishop Promoter, Apostleship of the Sea*



Sr. Joanna Okereke, HHCJ  
Assistant Director/National Director – Apostleship of the Sea

Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima/Chairman, Subcommittee on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers



## A Seafarers' Prayer

O God, I ask you to take me into your care and protection along with all those who sail ships.  
Make me alert and wise in my duties.

Make me faithful in the time of routine, and prompt to decide and courageous to act in any time of crisis.

Protect me in the dangers and perils of the sea; and even in the storm, grant that there may be peace and calm within my heart.

When I am far from home and far from loved ones and far from the country that I know, help me to be quite sure that, wherever I am, I can never drift beyond your love and care.

Take care of my loved ones in the days and weeks and months when I am separated from them, sometimes with half the world between them and me.

Keep me true to them and keep them true to me, and every time that we have to part, bring us together in safety and in loyalty again.

This I ask for your love's sake.

Amen.





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#### **XXVI World Congress of the Apostleship of the Sea**

**Ambassador Hotel, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, October 1-7, 2017**

**Theme: Caught in the Net (Putting the Fishers First)**

A national delegation will include “chaplains, directors, personnel and volunteers who work for the Apostleship of the Sea”. Should there be collaborators in your local AOS ministry who wish to join the delegation, please let me know so an invitation can be extended.

The AOS National Office is collecting registration and payment on behalf of the Pontifical Council. Total cost for each participant: Single room: € 650 / US \$690. Double: € 840 = US \$910

Good news, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development will cover the expenses related to the meals and coffee breaks for all delegates only for the duration of the Congress.

For further information, please contact Margaret Marzec at 202 541 3225 or [mmarzec@usccb.org](mailto:mmarzec@usccb.org).

I hope you will be able to participate.

Sr. Joanna Okereke, HHCJ  
National Director, Apostleship of the Sea

Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, STD  
Bishop Promoter, Apostleship of the Sea



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**Maritime Day Celebration**

**AUGUST 8-11 2017**

**North American Maritime Ministry Association Conference, Annual  
Conference New Orleans, LA**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2017**

**Feast of Our Lady Star of the Sea,**

**October 1-7, 2017**

**XXVI World Congress of the Apostleship of the Sea  
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**NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

**World Fisheries Day**