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The Subcommittee on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers (PCMRT) Honors Most Rev. Brendan J. Cahill, former Stella Maris, Bishop Promoter.

On behalf of PCMRT, I wish to express our deepest and sincerest gratitude to you for your commitment and support of Stella Maris ministry. Your leadership and tireless efforts touched many lives and helped improve the Port Ministry. Thank you for your many years of service and be assured that our prayers are with you.



Stella Maris Community Gathers for Maritime Community Gathers for Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea.

On Saturday, May 24, 2025, the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea was commemorated with a special Votive Mass attended by three bishops - Most Rev. Breneary J. Cahill, Bishop Jerome Feudjio, Bishop Frank Schuster, priests, deacons and over 300 people.

The Mass was led by Most Rev. Brendan J. Cahill, STD, Bishop of Victoria, and Bishop Promoter of Stella Maris, who served as both the main celebrant and homilist.

Guests traveled from near and far—including New Jersey, Boston, Texas, Philadelphia, Chicago, New York, North Carolina, and Florida—to join in honoring the vital contributions of seafarers and those connected to maritime life. During the celebration, Bishop Cahill presented a heartfelt tribute to Deacon Paul Rosenblum and his wife, honoring their 45 years of marriage and longstanding service as part of the People of the Sea community.

Following the Mass, attendees gathered for a celebratory meal, where fellowship continued among bishops, clergy, and members of the maritime community.

The day served as a meaningful reminder of the sacrifices and strength of those who live and work by the sea.



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An association of Catholic ministries in the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean that serve seafarers, fishers, port workers, and all the People of the Sea.

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THE LOVE OF CHRIST URGES US. 'Charita Christi Urget Nos' (cf. 2nd Corinthians 5:14-15).

By: Sister Joanna Okereke, HHCJ,
Stella Maris, National Director

The Church in the United States accompanies seafarers by caring for the spiritual needs of those who, for various reasons, live and work in the maritime world. To continue this mission of Christ himself, the Stella Maris ministry with many dedicated chaplains and pastoral teams, including Priests, Religious, Deacons and lay ecclesial ministers, serve the maritime world through Encounter, Service, and Celebration.

The chaplains and pastoral leaders, motivated and assured by the love of Christ, dutifully carry out their ministry.

They care for the Seafarers who are often away from their home parishes and help them maintain lasting ties with their faith and families. This network of Catholic chaplains establishes a parish-away-from-home that accommodates a seafarer's unique lifestyle and needs.

Indeed, it is the love of Christ that drives the work of "Maritime Ministry". The chaplains are committed and willing to go the extra mile to serve the people of the sea and to ensure that the ministry is carried out across various ports. The many centers provide seafarers' a place to relax while in the port as well as facilitate seafarers' access to other services.

As the Stella Maris National Office USA continues to empower, accompany, and support the activities and growth of the maritime ministry. I pray that we may continue to respond with love and joy to our various duties and may the Love of Christ compel, impel, and propel us. 'Charita Christi Urget Nos'. I pray for the seafarers, that through the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea, she would provide a light in the storm and may that light guide all those in the maritime ministry to care for the people of the sea, to effectively accompany their spiritual life in a special way during this year of the Jubilee of Hope. Amen.

I sincerely invite you to support our Ministry. Your donation will go toward supporting the Chaplains and leaders to ensure our success in caring for the people of the sea.

Thank you in advance for your contribution. Please, Make the check payable to USCCB (for Stella Maris) and send c/o Sr. Joanna Okereke, HHCJ, Stella Maris National Director, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 3211 Fourth Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017-1194

Thank you, Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, for your years of dedication, support and service to the People of the Sea. May God fill your heart with gladness and joy as you continue your service to the Lord and His Church.

By Sr. Joanna Okereke, HHCJ
National Director, Stella Maris
United States of America, National Office



Bishop Cahill at the Houston, TX. Maritime School Training - 2025



Bishop Cahill presiding over a cake auction at the annual Galveston Seafarer's Mass and Luncheon. 2023



Bishop Cahill at the NAMMA reward ceremony honoring Father Sinclaire Oubre. 2024



Bishop Cahill Carrying Christmas Gifts for Sailors in Port Pleasant. 2023



Bishop Cahill at the annual NAMMA Conference, Baltimore, MD. 2018



Bishop Cahill at Seafarer Centre Oakland, CA. 2018



Bishop Cahill attending National Maritime Day Celebration at the Department of Transportation - Washington, DC. 2018



Bishop Cahill and Sister Joanna Okereke, HHCJ Houston, TX - Maritime School Training. 2017



Bishop Cahill Celebrating Mass for the Maritime Day at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC. 2021



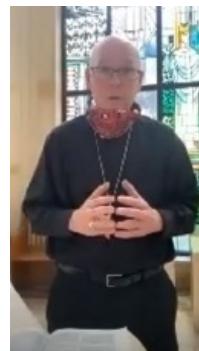
Bishop Cahill blessing seafarers - Port of Fort Lauderdale, Florida 2019.



Bishop Cahill visiting the ship - *Star Bow* in Point Comfort. 2021



Bishop Cahill Celebrating Mass aboard *Star Bow*. 2021



Bishop Cahill offering a message of support during Covid [through Zoom]. 2020.



Bishop Cahill Touring *Star Bow*. 2021



Bishop Cahill offering welcome to the bishops in Baltimore, MD during PCMRT's Breakfast with the Bishops to promote Stella Maris ministry to his brother bishops. 2019



Bishop Cahill joyfully sharing Christmas gifts for sailors at Point Comfort, 2021.



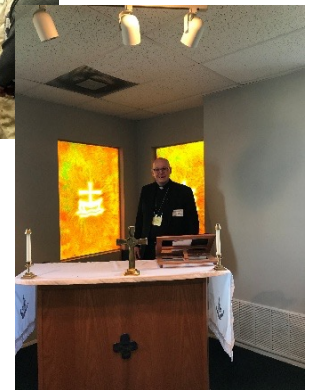
Bishop Cahill speaking with Cultural Diversity Director María del Mar Muñoz-Visoso. 2019



Bishop Cahill with Father Lito Capeding, Breakfast with the Bishops in Baltimore, MD. 2019



Bishop Cahill celebrating the Maritime Day Mass – Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC. 2019.



Bishop Cahill at the reception following the Maritime Day Mass. 2019



Bishop Cahill port visit to Fort Lauderdale, Florida port 2018.



Bishop Cahill's Baltimore, MD Port Visit. 2017



Bishop Cahill at NAMMA and Stella Maris Regional Conference Newark, NJ. 2024





May 24th, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

It is an honor to have this opportunity to thank Bishop Brendan Cahill for his service as our Bishop Promoter for Stella Maris. He has served as our promoter for eight years, beginning in May of 2017. During that time, he shared his passion for the ministry of Stella Maris, encouraging bishops to recognize the needs of seafarers visiting their dioceses.

Every year on behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Cahill promoted and celebrated the Mass for the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for mariners and people of the sea. This important celebration encourages the faithful to support and participate in prayer and remembrance of those who work in the maritime world. He also participated in the celebration of the National Maritime Day organized by the Department of Transportation and Maritime Administration (MARAD) to honor those who served as merchant marines and to recognize the benefits of the maritime industry.

In addition, Bishop Cahill visited many ports throughout our country to connect with the port chaplains and leaders so to support the spiritual care that accommodates the seafarer's unique lifestyle and needs. He also supported our ecumenical collaboration with other maritime ministry associations and participated in the various meetings such as the North American Maritime Ministry Association annual conferences, International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA), Stella Maris World Congress, to mention but a few.

In his 2022 letter to the Delegates of the XXV World Congress of Stella Maris – Apostleship of the Sea held in Glasgow, Scotland, Pope Francis reminded us, “Indeed, from small and humble beginnings, Stella Maris has grown into the widespread organization we see today, providing spiritual, psychological and material assistance, on ships and ashore, for myriads of seafarers and maritime personnel of diverse nationalities and religious traditions. Such a global presence reflects your own particular response to the Lord’s command to ‘go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation’ (Mk 16:15).”

Thank you, Bishop Cahill, for your ministry of promoting Stella Maris these past eight years. May our Lord continue to bless you in your apostolic ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Frank R. Schuster

Auxiliary Bishop - Archdiocese of Seattle



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Stella Maris North America and Caribbean Region

Dear Bishop Cahill:

On behalf of the Stella Maris North American and Caribbean Region, I want to thank you for all you have done during your tenure as Stella Maris Bishop Promoter for the USA to help all of us who God has called to serve in ministry to seafarers, port workers, fishers, and their families. Your support and your advocacy has been vital to all of us, and has made a difference in our lives and the lives of all we meet and serve each day. Although you will no longer be the Bishop Promoter, I know that the People of the Sea and all who serve them will always hold a special place in your heart.

On a more personal note, I want to thank you for your friendship. Your willingness to listen, your openness to new ideas, and your generous spirit have helped me to stay energized and focused on the vital work. May God bless you always.

Peace,

Deacon Paul Rosenblum
Stella Maris Regional Coordinator for North American and the Caribbean.





17 April 2025

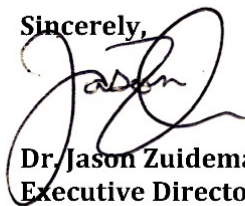
Dear friends in Stella Maris,

NAMMA extends sincere thanks to the Most Rev. Brendan J. Cahill, who concludes his ministry as Bishop Promoter for Stella Maris in the United States.

Bishop Cahill has been a steadfast friend to seafarers and a gracious supporter of ecumenical cooperation. His presence at the NAMMA Conference, participation in Houston chaplain training, and thoughtful notes of encouragement have all been deeply appreciated.

We are particularly grateful for his advocacy and for the support from the Diocese of Victoria, Texas, which has strengthened programs that benefit all NAMMA members. We wish Bishop Cahill every blessing in his continued ministry and give thanks to the Lord for his faithful witness and encouragement.

Sincerely,



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Working with the marginalized and forgotten: Bishop Brendan J. Cahill

By: Dr. Jason Zuidema, Executive Director
North American Maritime Ministry Association

Bishop Brendan Cahill, the Stella Maris Bishop Promoter in the United States, visited the NAMMA seafarers' welfare training course at the Houston International Seafarers' Center, offering words of encouragement and spiritual support to the participants. His visit underscored the significance of seafarers' welfare ministry and the vital role of those engaged in this work. During his time in Houston, Bishop Cahill participated in the daily ecumenical worship, delivering a homily that emphasized the theological and humanitarian aspects of caring for seafarers.

In his homily, Bishop Cahill reflected on the Gospel reading from Luke, which recounts the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. He highlighted the central message of this passage: the need for reverence for every human person and the call to maintain dignity in all aspects of life. He warned against the indifference of the rich man, who ignored the suffering of Lazarus, and urged those in seafarers' ministry to embody the opposite—to see, acknowledge, and serve those who are often overlooked by society. His words connected this biblical story to the mission of the students in the course, reinforcing that their work in seafarers' ministry is a tangible way of engaging with modern-day “Lazaruses”—those who are marginalized and often forgotten.

Bishop Cahill drew upon historical church teachings, specifically referencing the Second Vatican Council's 1965 document *Gaudium et Spes*, which stressed the importance of human dignity and social justice. He noted how even in 1965, the Catholic Church recognized the mistreatment of foreign workers, the elderly, and deported individuals, concerns that remain just as relevant today. He challenged the students to consider their role in addressing these ongoing issues, emphasizing that their mission is not only about meeting the practical needs of seafarers but also about affirming their humanity and worth.

Addressing the ecumenical nature of the training course, Bishop Cahill spoke of the broader Christian mission to serve the vulnerable. He reminded the students that their presence in the lives of seafarers is a profound ministry, offering both physical sustenance and spiritual companionship. He highlighted the importance of personal encounters, encouraging the students to truly listen to and understand

the seafarers they serve. Through their work, he said, they represent the Mystical Body of Christ, acting as a living witness of God's love and care.

As the Stella Maris Bishop Promoter, Bishop Cahill expressed his role not as an administrator but as a supporter and encourager of seafarers' ministry across different regions. He acknowledged the independence of various Stella Maris and other ecumenical partner ministries but emphasized their shared mission of offering compassion and service to seafarers. His visit served as a reminder that those engaged in this work are not alone—the wider Christian community stands with them in their efforts.

Concluding his homily, Bishop Cahill reiterated the importance of their mission, urging them to remain steadfast in their commitment to serving seafarers. He encouraged them to continue their work with the hope that, in the end, they would be counted among those who recognized and cared for Lazarus in this world, rather than those who ignored him.



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Stella Maris United States of America, National Office Welcomes New Bishop Promoter



Bishop Frank Schuster,
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle, Washington

Congratulations on Your Appointment as Stella Maris, Bishop Promoter.

The USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church/ Pastoral Care of Migrants is pleased to announce the appointment of Most Reverend Frank Schuster, auxiliary bishop of Archdiocese of Seattle, Washington as the Bishop Promoter for the Apostleship of the Sea. He begins his tenure this May, 2025.

On behalf of Stella Maris in the United States of America, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on your appointment as Stella Maris Bishop Promoter.

Your leadership, integrity, and vision will be invaluable in your new role. Once again, Congratulations on your appointment. Know that you have our full support and best wishes as you continue to make a difference in the lives of the people you serve. We pray for a successful and fulfilling ministry in your new appointment.

By Sr. Joanna Okereke, HHCJ
National Director, Stella Maris

Stella Maris Ministry: Pastoral Visit with Cadets at Galveston Newman Center

By: Sr. Joanna Okereke, HHCJ
National Director, Stella Maris

The purpose of the pastoral visit was to dialogue with the Cadets about spiritual matters as well as provide spiritual support, encourage fellowship, and strengthen relationships. I prayed with them and spent time conversing with them about the Catholic faith and their role as young people.

The director Carl Erickson organizes Mass, evening prayer, catechism, adoration, bible studies, rosary, divine mercy chaplet, with the Cadets at the center. They also carry out retreats and other spiritual activities. The experience was an encouraging journey blessedly filled with prayer and joy.

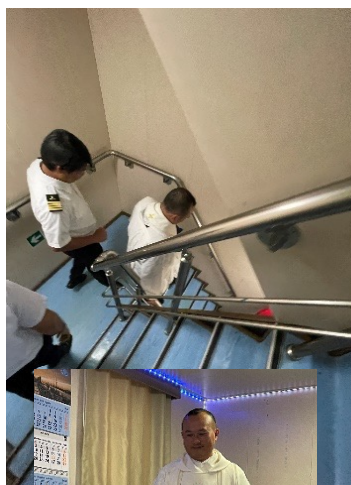
It was a spirit-filled pastoral visit with the Cadets at the Galveston Newman Center at 602 Seawolf Parkway Suite B, Pelican Island #5, Galveston, TX 77550.



STOLT CONDOR Mass and Blessing

By: Rhonda Cummins
Maritime Associate

How do you get to have Mass on your ship in Point Comfort, Texas? Ask Rhonda at the Seafarers Center and she will do her best to find you a priest and, usually, it is the Stella Maris Chaplain Fr. Tommy Chen from Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in nearby Port Lavaca. Captain Poral did just that. Two days later, everyone was ready for the Mass and the homily focused on Mary, Star of the Sea, who always points us safely home to her son Jesus. The captain also asked for a blessing of his ship since it was recently acquired by their company. Since the vessel is their home and workplace for many months at a time, Fr. Tommy was happy to comply. After the service, a tour of the ship, including the control room, bridge and engine room, was in order. At each location, special prayers and holy water were offered for the safety of the crew.



Archdiocese of Baltimore's Medals of Honor

The Archdiocese of Baltimore's Medals of Honor align with Archbishop William E. Lori's pastoral letter, [A Light Brightly Visible 2.0](#), and more broadly with the five core pillars of the archdiocese's mission statement: Evangelization, Liturgy, Education, Service, and Stewardship. The prestigious Medals of Honor awards will be presented in early 2025.

The Medals of Honor recognize a religious and lay person who has demonstrated a willingness to go above and beyond throughout their work. Each will be honored for their dedication, passion, and outstanding contributions in one of five categories.



Andrew Middleton, Recipient of the Service Medal

Mr. Middleton, director of the Apostleship of the Seas, responded within hours of the Key Bridge collapse to offer support to the Dali crew whose "mayday" signal allowed officials to act rapidly to close the bridge to traffic. The ministry Mr. Middleton leads offers welcome and provides safe haven to seafarers.



Paula Maria Gentile, Recipient of the Service Medal

A longtime parishioner of Our Lady of the Chesapeake in Pasadena, Paula Maria Gentile is a devoted advocate for survivors of human trafficking and works to raise awareness to prevent future victims. Since retirement from a career in special education, she has served on task forces, worked with law enforcement and facilitated an exchange of information and resources. Besides her work to confront human trafficking, Mrs. Gentile has long contributed to parish life through her efforts on the Respect Life Committee, St. Dymphna Mental Health Ministry, Winter Relief Program and Family Apostolate.

A fellow parishioner said, Mrs. Gentile “embodies the true spirit of service and compassion. ... Paula Maria demonstrates a profound commitment to safeguarding the life and dignity of every human person.”

Houston Maritime School Training and NAMMA Regional Meeting- 2025



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Bringing joy, comfort and peace in Point Comfort, February 3, 2025

Captain Randy Cabiao is a true leader that cares for his crew. Each visit to Point Comfort, he communicates with the Seafarers Center well in advance to arrange a mass on his vessel. This last trip was no exception. Fr. Tommy Chen adjusted his schedule to the many changes in the ship's arrival to provide spiritual support for the men of the BOW ORION. Deck Cadet Jerry Lei Nebreja shared his thoughts afterwards "This mass on board has brought us so much joy, comfort and peace. Being away from loved ones can be tough, but the spiritual guidance reminds us we're not alone. The prayers and blessings give us strength and courage to navigate safely. Thank you for your selfless service and for blessing our ship's community."

After the mass, the Center volunteers were treated to lunch and conversation. Providing friendship to returning ships is a natural progression from welcoming the stranger. We all learn and grow through our connections with God and each other. Faith makes us all stronger and binds us together.

Photos by Rhonda Cummins:

Captain Randy, Fr. Tommy and volunteer Tom Wise pause for a photo.

Fr. Tommy, 2nd Engineer Jorielo Ostaga, Chief Officer Richard Grajales, and Tom Wise

Fr. Tommy with volunteer Linda Meyer in background

At the gangway: Linda Meyer, Keneth Manreza, John Masilungan, Fr Tommy, Angelito Arago, and Tom Wise



The Footprint of Stella Maris Ministry – Chicago, Illinois to Michigan City, Indiana.

With the opening of the Soo Locks, ships are starting to arrive at the ports on South Lake Michigan! From Chicago to Michigan City, Indiana, and everywhere in between, the Southern Lake Michigan Chapter of Stella Maris happily serves seafarers of all types and in all situations.

Strategically Located

Though Chicago is no longer the "Hog Butcher of the World", its strategic location on the southernmost point on the Great Lakes makes it a primary transportation and manufacturing hub for North America.

The Chicago metropolitan area is the third largest in the U.S. with a population of 9.6 million people and is home to the largest intermodal container market in North America. It is a major manufacturing hub for the United States, supporting over 22,000 companies and 1.3 million jobs.

In 1871, As part of reversing the flow of the Chicago River to flow from Lake Michigan toward the Mississippi watershed, the Illinois and Michigan Canal was expanded. This enabled more ships and barges with increased tonnage to connect from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River. It also reduced typhus and cholera outbreaks.

Chicagoland and the "region" of NW Indiana is also the largest rail hub in North America, supporting the Union Pacific, Norfolk Southern, CSX, Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, amongst others.

Adding to the hustle and bustle, the area is a continental center of interstate highway traffic. This includes I-65, which runs from "the steel mills of Gary down to the Gulf of Mexico (America)", I-55 running south to New Orleans, and I-80 traversing the southern end of the lake, carrying trucks and vehicles from New York City to San Francisco along the route of the old transcontinental railroad.

Team

The Southern Lake Michigan Stella Maris team is small but growing ecumenical effort. Marshal Bundren is a Southern Baptist chaplain who has been helping the Catholic team grow. Our team consists of two assigned clergymen and is supported by a diverse community of volunteers. Father Mike

Enright, (Archdiocese of Chicago) leads the team, and is based out of St. Paul's Catholic Church, in the Pilsen area of south Chicago. He has been with the ministry for over 5 years, focusing on the western ports, while Deacon Robert Petro from St. Patrick's, Chesterton, Indiana, (Diocese of Gary) was ordained last June and focuses on Burns Harbor and the mills. They both enjoy visiting the Coast Guard station and are becoming USCG auxiliary chaplains.



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Ports

The footprint of Stella Maris, Southern Lake Michigan, covers over 40 miles of shoreline and focuses on freight and cargo. It consists of eight ports and harbors and is growing. These ports are located in Burns Harbor, Indiana, the Indiana Steel Mills, and South Chicago. Looking forward, Burns Harbor is expanding to support international sea cargo container traffic, with construction beginning in 2025. The port is potentially opening to regular traffic in 2026 once Customs' facilities are fully operational, while coastal cruise ships will return to Chicago's Navy Pier in 2025.

Seafarers

The seafarers served are as diverse as the cargo they bring. It includes international "Salties" from the Atlantic, entering the Great Lakes through the Saint Lawrence seaway and making the freshwater circuit around the Great Lakes, their products an array of materials supporting steel manufacturing, agriculture and construction. Seafarers are from all over the globe, including Eastern Europe, the Middle East, India, and the Philippines. It also includes US crews traveling back and forth between the US Great Lake ports bringing ore and materials for the mills. With its donated van, Stella Maris services include visiting seafarers on ship, taking them to Mass and shopping runs.



If you have any questions, or will be in the area, don't hesitate to contact Father Mike or Deacon Rob. They love talking with Stella Maris missionaries and meeting them. Email: stellamarissouthlakemichigan@gmail.com



Italian Naval Ship Designated as Jubilee Year Church

By: Justin McLellan

Catholic News Service Filed Under: Jubilee 2025

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Italian naval ship “Amerigo Vespucci,” currently completing its global tour, has been designated a Jubilee church for the Holy Year 2025, transforming its onboard chapel into a pilgrimage destination at sea. The ship, a three-masted sailing ship that dates back to 1931 and is named after the 15th-century Italian explorer for whom “America” is named, has been touring the world as a cultural ambassador for Italy since July 2023.

Archbishop Santo Marciànò of the Military Ordinariate of Italy officially designated the ship’s chapel as a Jubilee church for 2025, according to a Jan. 9 statement from the ship’s press office. The chapel onboard the “Amerigo Vespucci” will be a Jubilee site “for sacred pilgrimages and for pious visits among its missions at sea,” the statement said. Catholics can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting a Jubilee church or other designated sites and participating in prayer, a liturgical celebration or going to confession. Pope Francis has empowered diocesan bishops to designate sacred sites within their dioceses to provide these spiritual benefits during the Jubilee. During its global journey, the “Amerigo Vespucci” has made significant stops in cities including: Los Angeles; Tokyo; Darwin, Australia; Singapore; Mumbai, India; Doha, Qatar; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; and is set to conclude its tour in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

“The church that lives among the military also wants to establish signs during the Jubilee Year that express that hope that the church and the world await from God, and which God entrusts to the military world,” said Archbishop Marciànò on the designation. “These certainly include the sacred Jubilee sites, through which our military can attain the spiritual benefits originating from the Jubilee indulgence.”

The archbishop recalled how several Catholic chaplains have always served onboard the ship, “silently but very effectively accompanying the spiritual life of the crew, and they will do so in a special way in this year of the Jubilee of Hope.”



Chapel onboard historic Italian naval ship designated a Jubilee church

The “Amerigo Vespucci,” an historic Italian sailing ship dating back to 1931, is pictured near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Oct. 20, 2023. (CNS photo/courtesy Tour Mondiale Vespucci) [cc.pacifyca.com > news > italian-naval-ship-designated-as-jubilee-year-church](https://cc.pacifyca.com/news/italian-naval-ship-designated-as-jubilee-year-church)

A Seafarer’s 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 me 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 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



Upcoming Events in 2025

National Maritime Day Celebration
May 22, 2025
US Department of Transportation

Maritime Day Mass for the People of the Sea
May 24, 2025
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Crypt Church)
Washington, DC



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Sea Sunday
July 11, 2021

World fishery Day
November 21, 2025

Feast of Our Lady Star of the Sea
September 27, 2025

ICMA/ NAMMA/Stella Maris World Conference 2025
October 6-9, 2025
Barcelona, Spain



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