



XXIII AOS WORLD CONGRESS

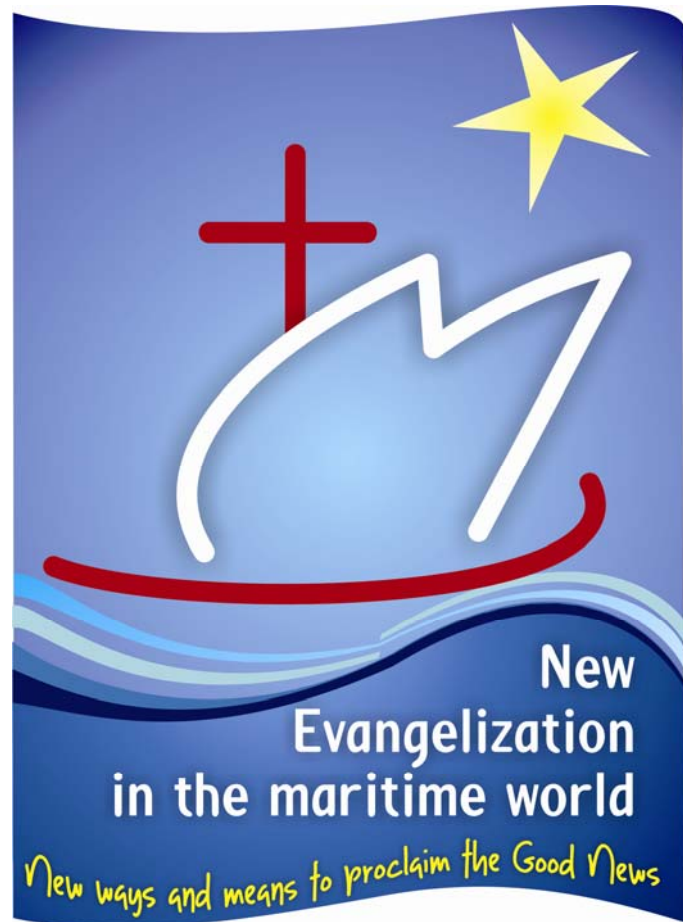
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**IN LESS THAN FOUR
MONTHS, MORE THAN
300 AOS DELEGATES
REPRESENTING
OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY
IN 58 COUNTRIES
WILL BE AT THE
VATICAN CITY
FOR THE XXIII AOS
WORLD CONGRESS.
WE WISH ALL OF THEM
WELCOME!!!**



Vatican City, Synod Hall, 19th – 23rd November 2012

BLUE is the sky and blue is the sea, one is reflecting in the other, only the wave dark and foamy reveals the edging.

RED is the ship full of love and affection of the seafarers, full of love and the gift of Christ, made of the same wood of the Cross.

White are the sails, distended by the wind, drawing the name of the Mother; of **LIGHT**, is Mary, Star of the Sea, who watches and protects from the high.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2012

Afternoon:

arrival and registration at the Hotel Casa Tra Noi

Dinner

This program may be subjected to changes
because of the Audience of the Holy Father
Benedict XVI

MONDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2012

FORMAL OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

New evangelization

- 09,00 – Eucharistic Celebration of *Stella Maris* at the Altar of the Cathedra, in St. Peter's Basilica
- 10,15 – Coffee break
- 10,30 – **Welcoming address**
- 11,00 – **Presentation of the theme of the Congress**
- 11,15 – Keynote address: **New Evangelization in the maritime world**
Questions and answers
- 12,00 – Greetings from the Authorities
- 13,00 – Lunch
- 14,30 – Panel: **Maritime World and New Evangelization**
- 16,30 – Coffee break
- 17,00 – **AOS past, present and future**
- 18,00 – End of session
- 19,30 – Gala Dinner

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2012

Effective engagement with the maritime industry

- 08,45 – Morning prayer and recap of the day
- 09,15 – **The seafaring world, perspectives and challenges for AOS**
Questions and answers
- 10,15 – Coffee break
- 10,45 – **MLC 2006: an instrument to promote seafarers welfare**
Questions and answers
- 11,45 – Presentation of: **Seafarers' Rights International (SRI)**
- 12,15 – Eucharistic Celebration
- 13,00 – Lunch
- 14,30 – Panel: **Welfare as an integral part of evangelization**
- 15,30 – Coffee break
- 16,00 – Workshops
- 17,30 – End of session
- 19,00 – Dinner

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2012

World Fisheries Day

- 08,00 – Eucharistic celebration
- 09,00 – Regional Meetings in the Hotel
- 10,00 – Free time
- 13,00 – Lunch at the Hotel
- 14,45 – **Convention on fishing: a new welfare for fishers?** Questions and answers
- 15,30 – **Gospel tradition and reality of fishing**

16,00 – Coffee break
16,30 – Panel presentation: **Fishing: global reality and its relevance to the wider mission of AOS**
17,30 – End of session
19,00 – Dinner

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2012

Piracy: making the voice of seafarers' heard

08,45 – Morning prayer and recap of the day
09,15 – **Presentation on Piracy**
Questions and answers
10.00 – Coffee break
10,30 – Presentation of: **Maritime Humanitarian Piracy Response (MHPR)**
10,45 – **Sharing of a victim of piracy: Family and piracy**
Questions and answers
12,15 – Eucharistic Celebration
13,00 – Lunch
14,30 – Panel presentation: **Mission: Formation of seafarers, chaplains and volunteers for the new evangelization**
15,30 – Coffee break
16,00 – Workshops
17,30 – End of session
18,00 – Visit of the Vatican Museums
20,00 – Dinner

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2012

The Great Commission

08,45 – Morning prayer and recap of the day
09,15 – **Ecumenism and new evangelization**
10,15 – Coffee break
10,45 – **Cruise ship and new evangelization**
12,15 – Eucharistic celebration
13,30 – Lunch
15,00 – **Communication and evangelization**
15,30 – Presentation of the workshops
16,00 – Coffee break
16,30 – Conclusions
Final document
Message to the maritime world
Press release/conference
19,00 – Dinner

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2012

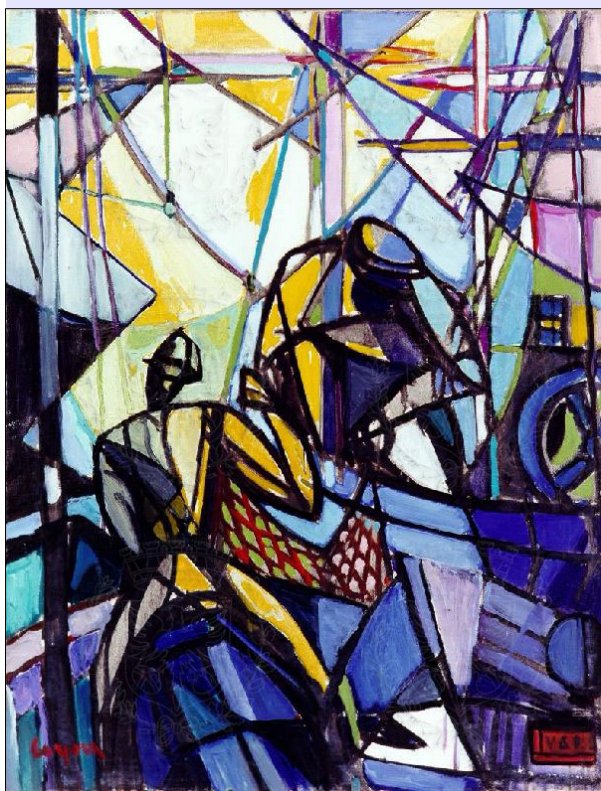
Departure of participants

WORKSHOPS:

- Effective fundraising ● Tackling criminalisation and abuse of seafarers
- Piracy: effective assistance for seafarers and their families
- Effective communication and the New Evangelisation ● The value of women in maritime ministry
- The New Evangelisation and cruise ship ministry ● IT at the service of the New Evangelisation
- Fishing – its relevance to the global mission of AOS
- MCL 2006 – an important tool for evangelisation
- Formation of seafarers, chaplains and volunteers for the New Evangelisation.

SEA SUNDAY—8 JULY 2012

MESSAGE OF THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL



Antonio Corpora
"I lavoratori del mare" (1949)

Before globalization the maritime industry played an important role in shipping consumables, raw material and finished products around the globe and also in transporting a great number of migrants. Even more today when 90% of the global trade is moved by sea together with millions of passengers travelling for pleasure on board of cruise ships.

New ports built far away from the cities, fast turn-around of the vessels and the limited time to come ashore, often make the seafarers invisible to the society, unless a pirates' attack or a shipwreck happens and they are in the news for a short time.

However, seafarers and their families are not invisible to God and to the Church. Their hard work, difficulties and sufferings have been recognized for more than ninety years through the pastoral care offered by the chaplains and volunteers of the Apostleship of the Sea.

We see the seafarers as professionally qualified workforce, capable of performing their job often in very dangerous situations among them pirates' attacks and the unknown force of the stormy waters.

We see the seafarers working in substandard conditions on board of old and rusted vessels, victims of criminalization, abandoned and often with their salary not given on time or withheld.

We see the seafarers as people docking in foreign lands in need of a welcoming smile, a word of consolation and support, a transport to the city, a place to relax without being discriminated for their nationality, colour of the skin or belief.

We see the seafarers as family members, forced to live far away from loved ones and friends for many months in a row, sharing the limited space of the vessel with other crew members of different nationalities.

We see the seafarers as individuals manifesting with simple actions their deep trust in God, seeking guidance and strength by attending masses and prayer services and in silent prayers.

Through the annual appointment of Sea Sunday we would like that our Christian communities and the society at large first of all recognize the seafarers as human beings who contribute to make our life more comfortable and to give thanks for their work and sacrifices.

Furthermore we should increase the awareness of the importance to provide them with protection from abuses and exploitations. For this reason we renew our appeal that the Maritime Labor Convention 2006 (MLC 2006) be ratified as soon as possible to guarantee full protection and decent working

conditions to the more than 1.2 million seafarers around the world.

Then, I would like to renew my invitation to attend the XXIII World Congress of the Apostleship of the Sea, which will be held at the Synod Hall in the Vatican City, from 19th to 23rd November 2012, with the theme: New Evangelization in the maritime world (New ways and means to proclaim the Good News).

During those days we will gather together with AOS Bishop Promoters, chaplains and volunteers to reflect on the challenges that the new maritime environment (international multireligious and multicultural crews) is bringing to the Apostleship of the Sea to make disciples of all the nations of the world.

Finally, I invoke the Blessed Mother, Star of the Sea, to extend her maternal protection to the people of the sea and guide them from the dangers of the sea to a secure port.

Antonio Maria Card. Vegliò
President

✠ Joseph Kalathiparambil
Secretary



Interview with Maria Cristina de Castro for the program of Radio Exterior "Spanish on the sea" broadcasted throughout the world.

Today, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel "Stella Maris", we also celebrate Sea Sunday. This feast was established nationally in 1989 and since then it is celebrated in Spain in conjunction with the celebration of the Virgin of Carmel, the patroness of the people of the sea.

Today I want to remember the silence of the sea in our society, that ignores this reality. A silence that, once again, we want to break with this celebration, not forgetting that the first friends of Jesus, his disciples were fishers.

The Apostleship of the Sea does not ignore how the people of the sea live, a sector where marginalization of the work, family and social life is real and permanent, something we called "the silent slavery of the twenty-first century".

I want to quote the words of the President of the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, Cardinal Antonio Maria Vegliò on the occasion of the Sea Sunday: **"We see the seafarers working in substandard conditions on board of old and rusted vessels, victims of criminalization, abandoned and often with their salary not given on time or withheld"**.

Recently the "Stella Maris" Vigo was visited by a seafarer who had worked 6 months in Mauritania and was paid 300 € and another seafarer working in deep sea fishing, whom had received 20 € for 5 nights

Cardinal Vegliò also says: "We see the seafarers as family members, forced to live far away from loved ones and friends for many months in a row, sharing the limited space of the vessel with other crew members of different nationalities".

And, breaking the silence of the sea, he recommends: "Through the annual appointment of Sea Sunday we would like that our Christian communities and the society at large first of all recognize the seafarers as human beings who contribute to make our life more comfortable and to give thanks for their work and sacrifices".

I end echoing his words, on this Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Star of the Sea. I entrust to Her, who is Mother of all: **the fishers**, so that their dignity as of person, children of God would be respected, and **those who are responsible for this situation**, so that they recognize the causes of this marginalization, and try to put remedy to it.

Vigo, July 16, 2012

Apostles of the sea: Witnesses of the new Evangelization

16th July 2012

Letter from the Bishop Promoter of the Apostleship of the Sea on the occasion of the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Dear Seafarers, Chaplains and Volunteers,

Like every year at this time, we come to the feast of the blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel, the holy day par excellence for seafarers, always celebrated with such devotion, joy and hope.

Mary, the Stella Maris, calls us to follow Christ her son's footsteps, inviting us to do whatever he tells you (cf. Jn 2,5).

This is one of her most important recommendations: it is advice born of an absolute trust in Jesus Christ, deriving from an intimate knowledge of His mission of Salvation. In doing Christ's will, the hidden source of love, we find the beginning of all rebirth. We find in Him the answer to the many problems, difficulties and challenges that we face in today's society.

With His resurrection, Jesus Christ fulfills the hope for a new heaven and new earth and offers us a stake in a future without suffering or tears, enabling us to collaborate in the building of a new society founded on justice and peace.

The Church, mother and teacher, through its experience of the faith, continues believing and trusting in the Lord's Word: it embraces it and proclaims it the world over, so that it can produce fruits of abundant and long-lasting love.

Embracing the Lord fills us with a new life that is borne of His love. A new way of living, of hoping and of loving flows in those who believe in Him. This experience of new life in Christ is not something personal, rather it must be a shared experience. We understand this when Jesus sends the apostles out to the whole world to proclaim the Good News to all creation (cf. Mk 16,15). We are thus called to convert ourselves into faithful witnesses of the Gospel. The presence of the Lord which transcends both space and time heals, frees from evil, strengthens and builds bridges for all those who believe and are committed to him. The Lord enables us to be, like Him, Good News for the seafaring world.

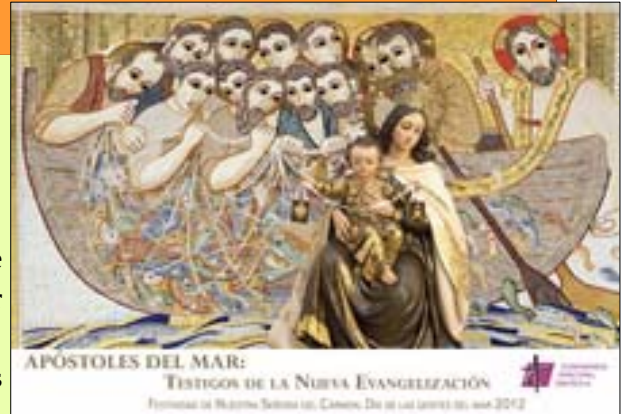
Mary is the great teacher, the star of the sea which helps us navigate the troubled waters of life, especially in these crucial moments of economic crisis and unemployment. Seafarers, who suffer separation from their families over long months, depend on the consolation of God's love which comes through Mary's intercession and reunites them with their families over the distance. Faced with the unpredictability of life on the sea, we carry with us the certainty that God protects us from all uncertainty.

In an ever-more heterogeneous maritime world, in ports which have become the crossroads of humanity, on ships with crews filled different religions and nationalities, we Christians must proclaim the Good News of Salvation not only with words but with that love and enthusiasm of those who want to share Jesus's life and His project. We proclaim a new world, recognizing in the face of the other, a person to love and respect.

On this day, we especially remember those seafarers who have lost their lives for their families this year. We must demonstrate to those who have suffered this terrible loss all our human and spiritual support and pray for them to the Lord and our Lady of Mount Carmel, whom their loved ones called on in those trying moments on the sea.

May St. Mary, shining beacon in the midst of a storm, protect us and give us courage during these difficult times in which we must navigate. Strong in our faith, we call everyone to our mother, "Viva the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel!"

✠ Luis Quinteiro Fiuza, Bishop of Tui-Vigo, AOS Bishop Promoter



ABANDONED BUT NOT ALONE

Sea Sunday celebrations in Mauritius made it clear that abandoned seafarers are not forgotten. The Apostleship of the Sea pleaded for tangible support for seafarers who have been stranded on the island state since 2011 while their lot is decided in courts.

In the town of 'Big River', Mauritius, Apostleship of the Sea's chaplain Fr Jacques-Henri David led the religious ceremony to give thanks for the people of the Sea. Present at the celebration were two government ministers, Mr Rajesh Jeetah and Jim Seetaram. In his homily Father David pleaded for a better support network for abandoned seafarers at Port Louis, following conflicts between vessel owners, charterers, cargo owners and insurers. Also present at the mass were nine out of the fourteen Filipinos seafarers of the MV Markella. Fr Jacques-Henri David said:

"We think that there must be a Fast Track Committee for humanitarian reasons. The international seafarers repatriation must be made a priority, and an advance of their wages and an authorization to go back home must be given to them as soon as possible. The rest can be sorted out afterward. We must not forget that those seafarers are fathers and heads of households to which they must return, to their loved ones..."



During the nine months spent in Mauritius, 14 Indonesian seafarers' welfare was looked after by the Apostleship of the Sea who provided them with practical welfare support. Some of them have not seen their family for 2 years now. Fr David also praised the government of the Mauritius Islands for its anti-piracy campaign and also for its offer to supply psychological support for the survivors of piracy if and when needed.

(www.icma.as)

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: THE ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH DIMENSION GETS MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT IN HONG KONG

Father Valan Arasu Arockiaswamy, Divine Word Missionary (SVD) of Indian origin, is the chaplain of the seamen in the diocese of Hong Kong.

Considering that every year more than 6 thousand ships stop in the port of Hong Kong, he undoubtedly has a demanding pastoral mission. According to information collected by Fides, Fr. Arasu Arockiaswamy manages to visit about twenty ships a week: he goes on board, talk to the sailors, listens to their needs and problems, offers spiritual and moral support. Part of his mission is also the blessing of new ships and the sailors marriage.

During the recent celebration of Sea Sunday, he explained his mission of nourishing the hearts of sailors with the Love of God: "Our pastoral has to adapt to the situation that is evolving. Before most of the sailors were Filipino Catholics. Today, the majority are Chinese, Indonesian, Vietnamese, or from Eastern Europe, with a great cultural and religious diversity."

So ecumenism and interreligious dialogue are increasingly important elements in the Apostolate of the Sea and on Sea Sunday all Christian denominations pray together. The diocese of Hong Kong has always given importance to this apostolate, being a major international port, and every year the Liturgical Commission of the diocese prepares the material to be handed out before the event, with prayers for sailors.

(NZ) (Agenzia Fides 2012/07/18)

Final declaration

At its national session held in Bayeux from 18-20 May 2012, the *Mission de la Mer* reflected on its service of the maritime world, based on its theme for this year, "Serving our Fraternity".

God invites us to serve, and the Church exists, among other things, by and for serving the world. Through the many varied efforts of its members, the *Mission de la Mer* is both a place and a bond. A place of education and action, as well as a bond with the Church and the associations that work to ensure the respect for the dignity of each human person.

Serving our Fraternity is, above all, being attentive to the many vulnerabilities that seafarers experience, which are exacerbated by the global economic crisis: many families are getting into serious debt and descending into poverty; there are pensioners living on the edge and who feel abandoned by the State. In the fishing industry, recent dramatic events remind us that this is a dangerous profession. Operational costs go up, monitoring gets tighter and fishing grounds are threatened by pollution and disturbance of seabeds. Fishermen feel increasingly distant from where decisions are being made.

In commercial shipping, many seafarers are at sea for extended periods. Calls into port are brief and the possibility of going ashore is increasingly limited. As a result, there are greater feelings of isolation and frustration. Also, the rise in the incidence of piracy has provided an added sense of insecurity.

Showing our fraternity and living out our solidarity through specific acts of care and support are the first steps in our service. In this context, we spare a special thought for the 220 abandoned seamen from three Moroccan ferries who have been in Sète since January 2012, without no sign of an end to their plight.

This service also has an institutional dimension

With regard to fishing, we reiterate that the Common European Fisheries Policy currently under discussion, which includes Transferable Fishing Concessions, could put an end to the joint management of fishing rights and be the death of artisanal fishing, as well as essentially constitute the privatisation of fishing resources. We support fisher people and their organisations who oppose the current draft of the Common Fisheries Policy. Our concern is for fisherfolk to be able to make a decent living from their work, and to assure a future for them and their families. We hope that the social component of this Policy, which heretofore has been absent, will be incorporated and supported by public representatives.

Regarding commercial shipping, we stress the importance of seamen having adequate shore leave, having welcome centres to serve them, and being able to be visited on board. These needs have to be met in order to contribute to their life balance. We join the calls of seamen's associations for consistent funding of welcome centres, so that they are able to improve the service they provide to seafarers. In order to strengthen the rights of those who work on the sea, we call for France to ratify the ILO's Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006 (as it has already committed to doing).



Holy Mass celebrated in Port-en-Bessin, near Bayeux (France), where the first AOS World Congress took place in 1927.

The sea is an essential economic issue. We must make every effort so that the sea continues to be a "nourishing mother" for all the people who depend on it for their survival. The sea is beginning to be exploited by new sources of energy. However, the sea could though, become a place of conflict. All these questions need to be addressed by international accords aimed at preserving and respecting this common good for all humanity.

National Secretary
Guy Pasquier

Bayeux, 20 May 2012
President
Philippe Martin

BUILDING THE MARITIME COMMUNITY

Holiday season is on. It is the time for the Baltic Sea region when cruise ships call at the ports.

During their stay in the port there are excursions organized for the passengers. The crew remain on board. Many of them make use of our Stella Maris Centres. Greeting them in the Apostleship of the Sea Centres makes their visit the way to the new evangelization.

Blessed John Paul II said: *"Love and welcome are the first and most effective forms of evangelization"*. (John Paul II; Address to the XVI Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People)

So welcoming is the spiritual impulse and in a sense the flashing light of the New Evangelization in the maritime world.

Welcoming is Christian hospitality. The scriptures teaches us about its need: *"Love each other as much as brothers should, and have a profound respect of each other"* (Rm 12, 10).

Seafarers due to the character of their work, find themselves continually in the need of being guests, they look for something to remind them of home they left, everywhere the ships calls at. One of the features describing the condition of a contemporary man is loneliness. Unfortunately, in the case of a seafarer, this factor is naturally written in their lives. That is why, serving people of the sea will be, no doubt, in a great extent the service of hospitality and receiving in the name of Christ and the local community.

Hospitality then, belongs to the prophetic mission of the Church and paying attention to it by the AOS is the gift not only to the seafarers, but also to the local church. Welcoming a stranger is a great opportunity for the community welcoming him to spiritual enrichment due to the presence of the fellowmen who came, every one of whom should be made sure, that he has found himself in the place of justice, solidarity, brotherhood and hospitality. As Christ's disciples we should lead our life in accordance with what He said: *"For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me"*. (Mt 25,35-36)

For "the people on the move" welcoming is important in the sense in which St. Augustine says, stating, that the chance of sharing of life with Jesus by His disciples proved to be welcoming and making them guests, in spite of the fact that meeting Him on the way to Emaus they did not recognize their Teacher in Him. They greeted Him and invited as a stranger and only later did they find who He really was. Hospitality is thus an important means of Apostleship, leading the way of the meeting welcomed with Jesus.



Fr. Edward Pracz,
AOS National Director for Poland and Regional Coordinator for Europe

THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA, THE PORT OF LOVE FOR SEAFARERS

The Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) is an integral part of the pastoral structure of the Universal Church. A clear responsibility of the local Church, as clearly set out in the II Vatican Council Decree "Christus Dominus", on the Pastoral Office of Bishops, No. 18: "Special concern should be shown for those members of the faithful who, on account of their way of life, are not adequately catered for by the ordinary pastoral ministry of the parochial clergy or are entirely deprived of it. These include the many migrants, exiles and refugees, seafarers and airmen, nomads and others of this kind."

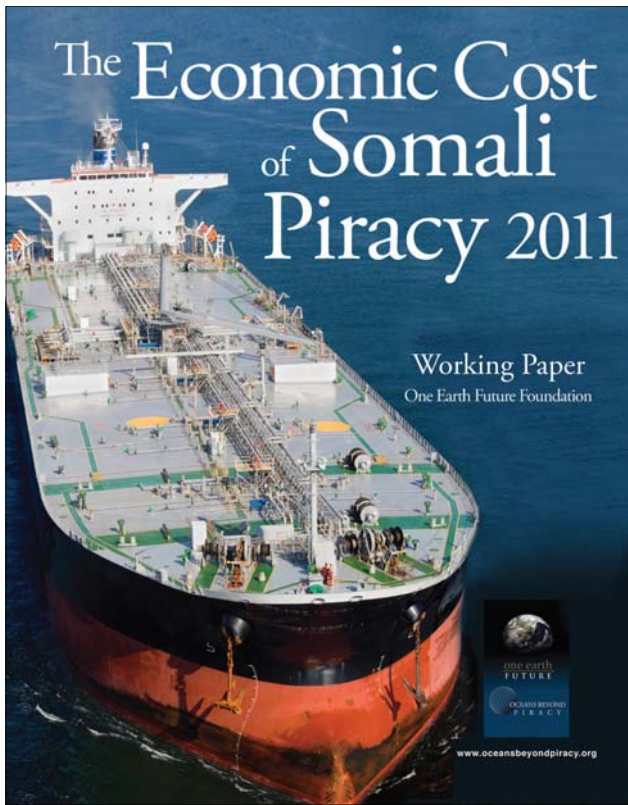
The Bishop of Taichung, Bishop Martin Su, has regularly carrying out his pastoral duty to the seafarers visiting Taichung Port under his ecclesiastical jurisdiction. His pastoral visit to the seafarers together with the Chaplain, Fr. Loloy Napiere, MSP, and the AOS ship visitor-volunteers gives an impression that the Church of Taichung cares for the seafarers. The Apostleship of the Sea is a new pastoral endeavor of the Diocese of Taichung which started last January, 2011 to address the pastoral needs of the visiting seafarers in the Diocese of Taichung. The Chaplain, Fr. Loloy Napiere, who is also the AOS National Director, is carrying out the implementation of the AOS Pastoral program in 4 major ports of Taiwan with the assistance of the international and local organizations, like the International Transport Federation - Seafarers' Trust (ITF-ST), the International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare (ICSW), the International Christians Maritime Association (ICMA), and the ICSW-Southeast Asia Region, the National Chinese Seamen's Union (NCSU), and the Harbor Bureau. Bishop Martin Su, aware of the great pastoral responsibility to the seafarers, is making this AOS Pastoral program as an inalienable pastoral and social responsibility of the Diocese of Taichung. His regular pastoral visits to the vessels are indications that the local church of Taichung is going beyond the frontiers of local missionary activities.

As a Taiwanese Ship visitor-volunteer together with other volunteers, I would like to share my experience during my visit to the seafarers on board. I find it very challenging in going to the vessel to chat with the international seafarers on board. One needs to understand their life at sea, traversing the vast ocean, away from their loved ones. At first, when I join the AOS Volunteer program, I was thinking of satisfying my curiosity about their lives at sea and also to share my faith and love to these people who bring comfort to the people on land because of the commodities they are bringing. But to my surprise, they are the one sharing their strength, faith, and hope to me. They show me the fact that everyone, even those who are on land, is in a vast ocean traversing into the unknown of life guided only by the north star until we see the beacon of love where we anchor our hope.

The seafarers' struggles at sea, especially during bad weather, and their courage to face the challenging situation on board has awakened my own strength that gives me courage to face all challenges of life, that life is always a constant struggle. The seafarers are afraid, they are always in fear, especially when they start sailing into the dark ocean not knowing if the morning sun will rise again. But courage is the only weapon they have against all fears. Faith to God is their constant companion at sea, the love to their families is the only beacon where they anchored their hope. The people of the sea are not only bringing goods and imported products to our land (Taiwan) but also, to me, they bring the message of courage, love, faith, and devotion to us, ship visitors. The AOS Volunteer program is not only to give the seafarers' comfort into our Stella Maris Seafarers' Center, is not only to accompany them for shopping and sight-seeing but most importantly, for the AOS volunteers to learn from their struggles at sea, to be re-evangelized by their faith, and to share their knowledge of love and sacrifices. The only word that keeps on ringing to the seafarers' ears is the word of Jesus, "Be not afraid!" (Mt. 14:27). As I traverse into this vast ocean of life, I learned from my seafarers' friends, not to be afraid, for life is a vast ocean of hope, love, and faith.

Yoyo (AOS Volunteer of Taiwan)





OCEANS BEYOND PIRACY, A PROGRAM OF ONE EARTH FUTURE FOUNDATION

This study was launched with the International Maritime Bureau at the IMO in London on June 22, 2012.

Executive Summary

This report is One Earth Future Foundation's (OEF) second assessment of the Economic Cost of Piracy. It estimates that Somali piracy cost between \$6.6 and \$6.9 billion in 2011. Our previous report on the Economic Cost of Piracy in 2010, estimated that piracy cost the

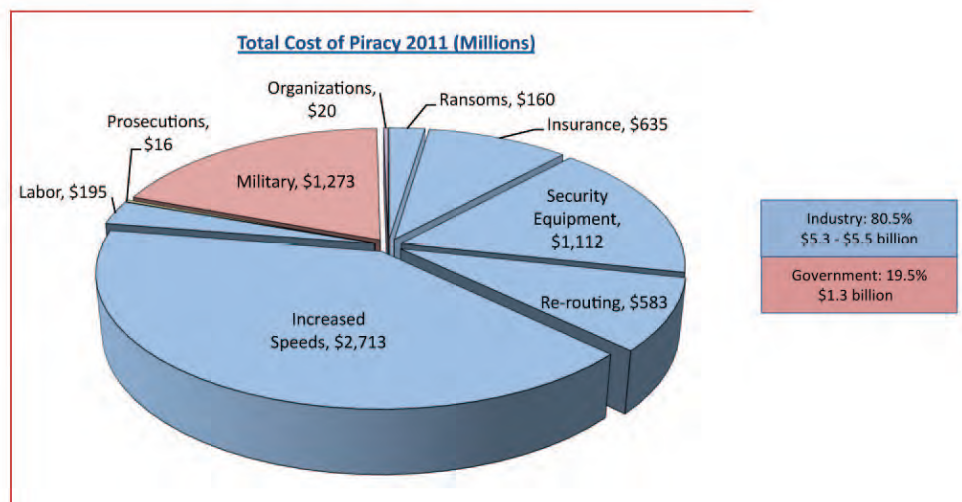
world \$7 - \$12 billion. That initial report generated a significant amount of dialogue and feedback on the cost of piracy. This report is the result of extensive research conducted by OEF with the collaborative participation of multiple different stakeholders, and includes significant contributions made by commentators, experts, and others impacted by piracy. It assesses nine different direct cost factors, and is focused specifically on the economic impact of Somali piracy.

While the report assesses the cost of piracy for the year of 2011, there were significant changes and developments in piracy throughout that year, and in many ways 2011 was the 'tale of two years':

Overall, 2011 saw an increase in attacks by Somali pirates. This was driven by a rapid escalation in the number of hostages and hijackings in the first quarter of 2011. As expected, hijackings declined during the monsoon period. But in the last quarter of the year, the anticipated resurgence of piracy following the monsoon period did not eventuate.

A number of factors may explain this pattern, including an extended period of monsoonal rough weather off the coast of Somalia, and the use of deterrence mechanisms such as private armed security. Other developing trends throughout the year included an altered re-routing model where ships transited close to the western Indian coastline (rather than around the Cape of Good Hope); and pirates' changing use of mother ships from large vessels to smaller fishing boats. Further, 2011 saw a more aggressive response from military forces conducting counter-piracy missions in the region.

The project finds that of the total costs of Somali piracy in 2011, the shipping industry bore over 80% of these costs, or between \$5.3 and \$5.5 billion.

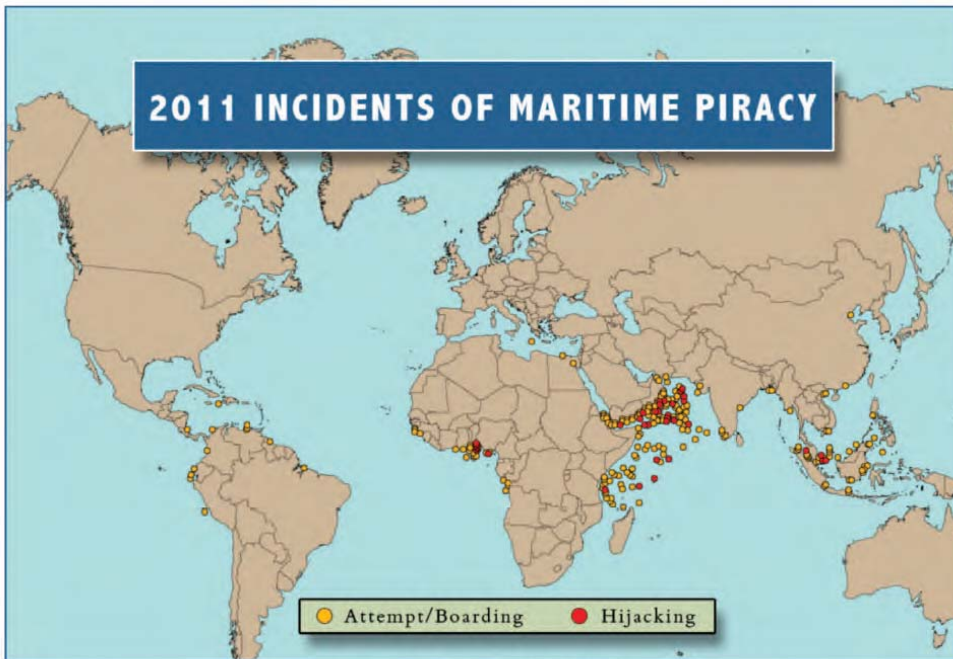


FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE OVERALL COST:

Ransoms: In 2011, 31 ransoms were paid to Somali pirates, totalling around \$160 million. The average ransom was approximately \$5 million, up from around \$4 million in 2010. While 2011 saw a lower success

rate for Somali pirates, the increased price of ransoms meant that pirates received greater revenue for fewer hijackings.

Insurance: The two major forms of piracy-related insurance are war risk and kidnap and ransom (K&R). This insurance market has evolved throughout 2011 to reflect continued developments in piracy. The 'war risk' region was expanded to include the larger Indian Ocean at the beginning of the year, and many shipping companies have received premium reductions for having private armed security on board ships. The total cost of



Source: [IMB Piracy Reporting Center](#)

war risk and K&R insurance was approximately \$635 million.

Security Equipment and Guards: A notable trend in 2011 was the rapid escalation in the use of private armed security. The total cost of both security equipment and armed guards in 2011 was between \$1.06 and \$1.16 billion.

Re-routing: In 2011, some ships opted to avoid the piracy high risk area (HRA) by hugging the western Indian coastline. This report assessed the cost of that re-routing for bulk carriers and tankers, and estimated the cost was around \$486 - \$680 million in 2011.

Increased speed: To date, no ship has been successfully hijacked that was travelling at 18 knots or faster. Therefore, many ships will 'speed up' when transiting the HRA. Since more fuel is burned by ships transiting at faster speeds, these increased speeds are a large added cost. This project finds that the extra costs of increased speeds for containerships alone is around \$2.7 billion.

Labor: In 2011, 1,118 seafarers were held hostage, and 24 died. Due to this grave risk, many seafarers are entitled to double compensation when they transit the HRA and/or for the duration they are held hostage by pirates. This study estimates that the total cost of this additional compensation was \$195 million.

Prosecutions and Imprisonment: 20 countries have arrested, detained or tried Somali pirate suspects. The total cost of prosecutions and imprisonment was around \$16.4 million in 2011.

Military Operations: Over 30 countries contributed military forces, equipment, and vessels to counter-piracy activities in 2011. This report estimates the total cost of administrative and headquarter operations, military vessels, aircraft, and unmanned aerial vehicles to be \$1.27 billion in 2011.

Counter-Piracy Organizations: A number of new civil society and multilateral initiatives were launched in 2011 with a mission of reducing piracy, and its impact. This report calculates the total cost of funding and operational budgets for these organizations to be approximately \$21.3 million.

Deacon Dick Croucher of Cape Town died on February 17, 2012 after a battle with cancer. He was 80. He served Goodwood Parish and was a chaplain at the Apostleship of the Sea and a leading figure in the Cape Town marriage tribunal. In September 1964, Card. Owen McCann asked that a branch of the AOS be established. The first secretary to be elected was the young Dick Croucher, who visited the ships in the harbor with great enthusiasm. RIP!

New AOS ministry in the Diocese of St. Thomas (Virgin Islands, USA)



Rev. Msgr. Antonio Verzosa, of the Diocese of Saint Thomas, Rev. Fr. Robert F. Higgins, of the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina, and Jimmy Torrez of Carnival Dream.

AOS-USA has announced that there is a new AOS Ministry blossoming in the Caribbean! The Diocese of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands has established a new AOS ministry. This is particularly exciting in that this Diocese is a major port of call for cruise ships, as well as merchant ships and fishing vessels. Heartfelt congratulations to H.E. Msgr. Herbert Bevard, Bishop of the Diocese of Saint Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands, for his forward thinking, and for seeing this need in his Diocese. He has worked to put together a great team to really kick off this ministry in the right way.



Star of the Sea Awards to AOS-USA members

On the occasion of the his 40th Anniversary celebration, the Star of the Sea Award was presented in early May to Fr. John A. Jamnicky, the former National Director of the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States, and a current AOS-USA Cruise Ship Priest. He founded the Cruise Ship Priest Program. Fr. Jamnicky has been given the assignment of building a new Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Though his current Church is literally in a former barn, the new building is quite breath-taking already. And of course Fr. John is not one to apologize for having a Church in a barn. "Jesus was born in a barn", he said, "If it's good enough for Jesus, it's good enough for the rest of us!"



The second Star of the Sea Award was awarded to Deacon Patrick LaPoint, and the Lake Charles Seafarers' Center. The Lake Charles Center recently celebrated it's 50th Anniversary, and the work that Deacon Patrick does for the Center is truly exemplary. Thanks to his efforts, the Center is self-sustaining, during a time when many seafarers' centers are in danger of closing.

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A new category has been added this year's International Seafarers' Welfare Awards. The Drop in Welfare Centre of the Year will recognise the vital support that smaller centres offer and it will complement the existing Seafarer Centre of the Year award. The other categories in the awards are Port of The Year, Shipping Company of the Year and Welfare Personality of the Year. These annual awards are a highlight of the year in the maritime welfare sector and are designed to recognise companies, ports, welfare organisations and individuals who provide excellent welfare facilities and services to seafarers on land or at sea.



ICMA ON STRATEGIC CONSULTATION



The International Christian Maritime Association is set to transform. The Association has called a consultation of senior management personnel of all its members.

The Members' Senior Representatives Consultation will be held in Rome, Italy, from 13th to 16th September 2012. The assembled members of the Association will decide in Rome on the implementation of a strategic review conducted by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is chaired by the Seamen's Church Institute representative, Douglas B. Stevenson. Stevenson said that the intention of the review is to strengthen ICMA.

It is the second strategic review of the Association in the past decade, following the Grubb report tabled in 2004. The new review was prompted by the need to streamline ICMA's operations in a changing maritime environment.

The consultation in Rome will precede the ICMA Annual General Meeting also to be held in Rome during this gathering of members. It is sincerely hoped that all 27 members of the International Christian Maritime Association would attend.

These meetings are important to ICMA. To ensure that the voices of all members of the Association are heard, ICMA has been given generous grant support by the ITF Seafarers Trust. The grant will enable ICMA to help substantially its members to cover the costs of the meeting at a time when the missions can ill afford to spend money indiscriminately: one delegate from each of ICMA's members will be assisted.

In addition to the strategic review, ICMA managements will also consult on how best to respond to the recent report on port welfare workers authored by professor Erol Kahveci while still at the London Metropolitan University Working Lives Institute. The report had been commissioned by the ITF Seafarers Trust in close collaboration with ICMA and its members.

Aside from the hard work planned for these days in Rome, the members will pay a courtesy visit to the headquarters of ICMA's largest member, the Apostleship of the Sea. The President of the AoS, Cardinal Antonio Maria Vegliò, will welcome the members of ICMA on a visit to the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Itinerant People.

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