

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The apostolate of the Catholic Church to the people of the sea is called “Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea).” We, the Port Chaplain, ship and hospital visitors, visit ships and hospitals to reach out to seafarers and fishers and bring the love of Christ and of the Church to them. In South Africa, this apostolate started in 1923. This year, we are celebrating 99 years of Stella Maris.

I appeal to your generous hearts to support this apostolate so that we can continue the pastoral care for seafarers and fishers, who come to our ports especially in the Port of Cape Town. Due to their extraordinary situation, working at sea for months or even a year, they need specific spiritual and practical assistance (material, medical, social, legal, etc.) that contributes to their wellbeing. The annual Sea Sunday collection is one way in which you as a Catholic can assist them.

I ask you to pray for seafarers and fishers.

Fr Rico Talisic cs
Port Chaplain

