

Stella Maris Manila News



APOSTLESHIP OF
THE SEA-MANILA

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POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- IICSW Party in the Park
- AOS-Manila and ICMA joined the ICSW event
- amendment to the ICMA Code of Conduct
- SMART Link Marino Cup Basketball Tournament
- AOS Manila at Work: Ship Visitation

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AOS-Manila at ICSW Party in the Park



AOS Manila/Stella Maris Staff and Stella Maris Seafarers Center residents pose with Mr. Roger Harris, ICSW Executive Director.



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ICSW Party June 26, 2010 in the Park ...a success! (at the corner of T.M. Kalaw and Maria Orosa Streets)

It was exactly the same venue of the AOS Manila's 14th National Seafarers Day '09 celebration, because this is the place where hundreds of seafarers gather daily to seek employment, to undergo training, to prepare for deployment, to meet and make friends.



Many seafarers came and their families too! At a certain time during the event the entrance gate had to be closed because it

reached the limit capacity of the venue. There were many who were not able to enter, including the residents of the AOS Manila/Stella Maris centers. However, these people, the seafarers and their families, were transported to Marlow Navigation building where

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ICSW Party in the Park... a success!



there were also games, entertainment, souvenirs and food.

It was heartwarming to see the different international and local organizations (including AOS Manila/Stella Maris) come together to be one with the seafarers in celebrating the "2010 Year of the Seafarers". All were gathered together, having fun together, enjoying together, bringing their families and relatives,

making it a truly "Party in the Park!"

The AOS Manila /Stella Maris together with AOS Thailand joined together in one banner of ICMA. Both organizations gave to the seafarers brochures, CDs, flyers of our services and dormitories (in Manila & Cebu) so they will come to know more about us. For the seafarers to meet and to know the different people across the sea

working for the welfare of the seafarers were very enriching and inspiring.

Congratulations to ICSW and to all other sponsors and supporters! Thanks for having invited AOS to be part of the "Party in Park!"

The 15th National Seafarer's Day will be a follow up of it. After all, AOS Manila began it and let us keep it up.

--- AOS Manila, June 2010

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ICSW Party in the Park

To celebrate the IMO Year of the Seafarer

What?
A fun event for seafarers and their families

When?
Saturday 26 June
0900 hrs - 1400 hrs

Where?
Luneta Seafarer's Center

2010 YEAR OF THE SEAFARER

Why?
The Philippines is the world's leading supplier of qualified seafarers. IMO has declared 2010 "The Year of the Seafarer" and is holding a major conference in Manila from 21-25 June to agree amendments to the IMO STCW Convention dealing with seafarers training and certification. Senior representatives from the ILO will also attend. Never before has there been the opportunity to bring together, in such numbers and in one place, seafarers, their wives and families, the senior officials who regulate the industry and the international maritime community.

So let's party!



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fishers, their families & dependants

The Apostleship of the Sea, Philippines
Manila

28 June 2010

Dear Father Vic and Father Paulo

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS

I have been looking at the pictures from the Party in the Park. They are beautiful! And I am so impressed at the ICMA / AoS stall that you set up and hosted throughout Saturday. I am really proud!

Therefore may I congratulate and from the bottom of my heart thank the AoS Philippines. Your ecumenical spirit, and your unabated passion for serving seafarers is a blessing to this ministry and an example for all of ICMA.

Please thank for me all the staff of AoS Philippines who took part to make the day a special one for seafarers and who raised a banner for our faith.

I have published some pictures of the party on the ICMA website.

Yours faithfully

Hennie la Grange
Reverend

AOS & Smart Link... a day of Fun

AOS Manila Activities...



MARINO WOW Magic Sing-along Winner Danilo Lapinid from SCPM.

There were lots of sponsors that displayed their products to the delight of the seafarers.

To make the day even more exciting



There were raffle prizes given away to lucky seafarers and of course the much awaited WOW Magic Sing-along



1 emerged as the golden voice, Mr. Danilo Lapinid a seafarer staying at the SCPM Dormitory. He received a Wow Magic Sing Microphone.



Contest. Almost a hundred showed their singing prowess but only



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Smart Link hosts 1st Marino Cup



Seafarers from different dormitories display their basketball skills.

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"This activity renews our commitment of not only providing reliable communication solutions to our Filipino seafarers, but also to develop programs that will help improve their lives in as many aspects as possible," Mariano added.

The dormitories who participated in the tournament are Stella Maris Ermita, Stella Maris Pius, Felix Huertas Boarding Home, Pagoda Boarding Home and Scalabrini Center for People on the Move, which hosted the event in their dormitory courts. The team from Pagoda Boarding Home emerged as the champion after the tournament.

"The Marino Cup was organized as a fellowship activity for seafarers," said Fr. Paulo Prigol, Director of AOS. "Seafarers in participating dormitories have a lot on their minds such as concerns about work, family and finances. This serves as a break from all their worries and aims to promote the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie among the officers and seafarers in these dormitories."

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Pinoy seafarers display skills in Smart hoopfest



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AOS Manila Activities... in July

You're invited to an Interdormitory Basketball Tournament

Participating dormitories include:
 AOS Ermita and Paco, Manila
 Pagoda Boarding Home
 Felix Huertas Dormitory
 Scalabrini Center

July 3 - 4 * Scalabrini Center * 8am - 7pm

Come and join us for a lot of fun and surprises!



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Smart backs Marino Cup

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International Christian Maritime Association

CODE OF CONDUCT

Prepared by the ICMA Membership Subcommittee,
recommended by ICMA Executive Committee and
adopted by the Annual General Meeting in Amsterdam
on 19th October 2001 (agenda item 8)
Scripture quotation revised to *New International Version* by
the Executive Committee on 6 May 2010

Membership of ICMA carries an obligation to abide by the Constitution of the Association and of this Code of Conduct.

The Mission of ICMA :

The seafarers of the world remind us of the ultimate purpose of all God's plans: " And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come(replaces: the end will not come until the Gospel of God's Kingdom has reached to the borders of the whole inhabited world [oikumene])" (Matthew 24,14 NIV). In a fragmented and divided society, it is ICMA 's mission to promote unity, peace and tolerance. ICMA was founded for promoting and co-ordinating Christian ecumenical co-operation in maritime ministry.

Chaplains and staff of all ICMA Member Societies at local, national and international level are therefore to:

- a) Show an unconditional love to the seafarer as a human being, created in the image of God, and a sincere respect for her/his personal values and beliefs;
- b) Serve seafarers and their dependants of all nationalities, religions, cultures, language, sex or race;
- c) Fight prejudice, intolerance and injustice of any kind;
- d) Respect the diversity of ICMA Members and Churches and to develop that which unites them ;
- e) Respect the loyalty of those engaged in maritime ministry to their particular ecclesiastical discipline and tradition; and refrain from proselytising seafarers
- f) Co-operate with persons, organisations and institutions, Christian or non-Christian, which work for the welfare of seafarers.

Signature :

Name and position:

AOS Manila... Mass on Board



One of AOS's services is to respond to the spiritual needs of the seafarers especially on board. In Manila, AOS does not limit this service to the seafarers of ocean going vessels. It also responds to requests from domestic shipping companies like requests for blessing of vessels and/or liturgical celebrations to the crew

on board. Recently, Aboitiz Transport System Corporation invited AOS chaplain to celebrate Mass to the officers and crew of SuperFerry 20 and 21's maiden voyage and to bless the two vessels in July 6 and 28 respectively. Likewise, AOS also responded to the request from the management of Supercat 25, a fast ferry to bless the boat especially its officers and crew for the resumed Manila-Orion, Bataan trips.



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PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS

Dear Lord, we ask you to take all Seafarers into Your care and protection. Make them alert and wise in their duties, Help them to be faithful in the time of routine, prompt to decide and courageous to act in any time of crisis. Protect all our Seafarers from the dangers and perils of the sea; and even in storms—natural or spiritual—grant that there may be peace and calm within their hearts. When they are far from home, far from their loved ones and from their homeland, give them the grace to be quite sure that, wherever they are, they can never be beyond Your loving concern. Take good care of our loved ones in the days and weeks and months when they are separated from us—sometimes with half the world between us. Give us the grace to be true to them, and keep them true to us. And when we have to part, bring us together again in safety and loyalty. This we ask for your love's sake. Oh mother Mary, star of the Sea, guide us and our beloved seafarers. Though separated often, help us to grow in love of one another and Your Son, Jesus. Amen.



The ABC of HIV-AIDS Prevention

On Sexuality

The Church encourages sexual relationships that are based upon mutual respect for God and mutual responsibility -given dignity within the context of a permanent and faithful marital relationship between one man and one woman.

The Church believes that behavioural change is the most important and fundamental way to reduce the spread of HIV. Thus, in its actions it will strive to inculcate the ideal expressed in the teaching of the Church, of

abstinence before marriage and fidelity within marriage.

On Prevention of the spread of the virus

The Church's teachings have not supported both the use of condoms and needle-exchange programs on the pretext that they send wrong message about sex and drugs. The teachings recommend education and treatment aimed at changing behaviour.

On Social Responsibility

The Church social teachings maintain that economic justice and the end of violent oppression are urgently needed to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS. The Church calls us to live and act as informed citizens and faithful disciples.

A = ABSTINENCE

B = BE FAITHFUL

C = CONSCIENCE

**Pray
the
Rosary**



**Stella Maris
Star of the Sea,
Pray For Us.**