#### APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA-MANILA

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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

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# **Stella Maris**

# Manila News



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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,







Photos by isayniguez-aosmanila

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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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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 the seafarers to 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 enriching verv 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!"

15<sup>th</sup> The 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







To celebrate the IMO Year of the Seafarer

A fun event for

seafarers and their families Saturday 26 June 0900 hrs - 1400 hrs

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#### International Christian Maritime Association

The Apostleship of the Sea, Phillippines 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

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### **AOS Manila** Activities...



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

## AOS & Smart Link... a day of Fun

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







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.



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Contest. Almost а hundred showed their singing prowess but only

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Friday, 08 October 2010 Manila Standard Today Sports Page: A-7

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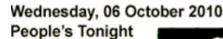
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## AOS Manila Activities... in July





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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 19<sup>th</sup> 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:

- 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;
- Respect the diversity of ICMA Members and Churches and to develop that which unites them ;
- 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: .....

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## **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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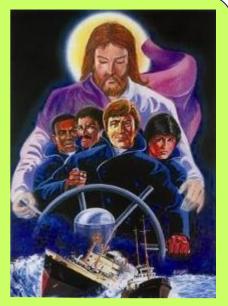
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#### PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS

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

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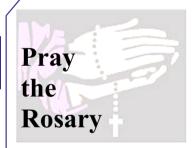
abstinence before marriage and fidelity within marriage.

### 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.





Stella Maris Star of the Sea, Pray For Us.