



Memo

Date: May 9, 2022

To: All clergy, parish communicators and social action ministers

From: Kat Doyle, director, Justice and Peace Ministries

Re: National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea on May 22

Bishop Brendan J. Cahill of Victoria, bishop promoter of Stella Maris, the apostolate of the Catholic Church for the people of the sea, is inviting dioceses in the United States to mark the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea on Sunday, May 22, also observed as National Maritime Day.

In the face of the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Stella Maris National Office continues to support and celebrate the men and women of the sea. The impact of the pandemic and the stress it has caused on seafarers calls for action, especially to ensure the health and wellbeing of mariners and their families.

National Maritime Day is an opportunity to recognize the hardworking men and women of the U.S. Merchant Marine, seafarers, fishers, port personnel and all who work or travel on the high seas for the vital services they provide in support of our nation's economic well-being and national security. Seafarers are a large migrant population in the world today, many of whom are Catholic Christians and unseen by the world.

[Click here to learn more about Stella Maris and for resources to observe this national day of prayer in your own communities.](#)

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