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APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA
National Day of Prayer in remembrance for mariners and people of the sea
May 22, 2020 12:00 Eastern Time

AGENDA

- **Welcome, Logistics, and Check-In – Sister Joanna Okereke, HHCJ**
- **Opening Prayer: Deacon Richard Longoria**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen. (www.usccb.org/coronavirus
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- **Reflection** - Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, Bishop of Victoria, Bishop Promoter of the Apostleship of the Sea
- **Reflection** - Deacon Paul Rosenblum, Regional Coordinator for North America and the Caribbean
- **Scripture reading:** Wisdom 14:1-7 (*You have established a steady path through the waves*). By: Doreen M. Badeaux

One preparing for a voyage and about to traverse the wild waves cries out to wood more unsound than the boat that bears him. For the urge for profits devised this latter, and Wisdom the artificer produced it. But your providence, O Father! guides it, for you have furnished even in the sea a road, and through the waves a steady path, showing that you can save from any danger, so that even one without skill may embark. But you will that the products of your Wisdom be not idle; therefore, men trust their lives even to frailest wood, and have been safe crossing the surge on a raft. For of old, when the proud giants were being destroyed, the hope of the universe, who took refuge on a raft, left to the world a future for his race, under the guidance of your hand. For blest is the wood through which justice comes about.

The word of the Lord. **R/. Thanks be to God.**

- **Sharing [*Experience and challenges in ministry during the COVID-19*]**
 - Deacon Milton Vega (Jacksonville, FL),
 - Deacon Jose DeLeon (Seattle, WA),
 - Rhonda Cummins (Port Comfort, TX).
- **Intercessory Prayer:** Deacon John Archer

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
R/. We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
R/. We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
R/. We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions
between food on the table or public safety,
R/. We pray for policies that recognize their plight.



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For those who do not have adequate health insurance,

R/. We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,

R/. We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,

R/. We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,

R/. We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be
a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

R/. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

[*Prayer of Solidarity*, USCCB © 2020] <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/covid-19-prayer-of-solidarity.cfm>

- **Closing prayer: (All)** Prayer to Our Lady, Stella Maris, by St. Pope John Paul II

O Mary, Star of the Sea,

light of every ocean, guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas that they may reach the haven of peace and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea.

As we set forth upon the oceans of the world and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail on life's journey, that in heart and mind, in word and deed, in days of turmoil and in days of calm, we will always look to Christ and say, "Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"

Our Lady Star of the Sea,

Pray for us. Amen

- **Final Blessing/Closing Remarks:** Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, Bishop of Victoria, Bishop Promoter of the Apostleship of the Sea