

We are not made to live like atoms,
but together.

—Pope Francis, World
Communications Day, 2022

Merchant mariners, fishermen, port workers, and others working in the maritime industries have special pastoral needs to remain connected with their faith. For over a century, Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) has served merchant sailors around the world by providing sacraments and spiritual renewal through port chaplaincies, as well as hospitality, recreational opportunities, and communication with loved ones at home.

In 2013, Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America developed Stella Maris, the only smartphone app for Catholic merchant sailors. As technology and code systems advanced, the original app became obsolete. In 2022, AOS-USA, using a grant from the Catholic Communication Campaign, rebuilt the app to work on iOS and Android phones. The updated app keeps Catholic seafarers close to their faith by including a directory of AOS chaplains across the United States and around the world, daily prayers and reflections, a feature that allows sailors to submit their own prayer requests, news, and a cruise ship feature that lets cruise passengers know which ships have Catholic priests on board.

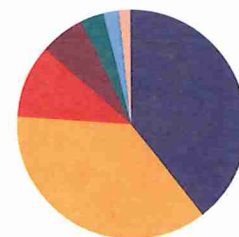
Your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign helps AOS-USA engage and build community among Catholic seafarers and their families.



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2021 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS: \$3,171,159

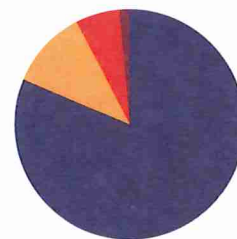
News & Information Services*	\$1,253,159	39.52%
Media Evangelization**	\$1,169,024	36.86%
Web-Based Communications Resources	\$327,400	10.32%
Preserving Church History	\$198,179	6.25%
Developing Nations	\$103,000	3.25%
Documentaries and Videos	\$75,000	2.37%
Building Media Capacity	\$45,397	1.43%



EXPENSES

Allocations-Internal Grants***	81.64%
Grants and Donations	11.12%
Promotion and Fundraising Expenses	5.94%
Program Costs	1.30%

Total Expenses \$3,601,453



* Includes funding to support Catholic News Services' coverage of Pope Francis and his global ministry to share the mercy of God.

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WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

Half of the collected funds remain in your diocese to support local communications projects. The other half supports the collective communication work of the bishops of the United States as well as other national projects in the United States and around the world.

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