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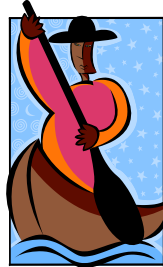
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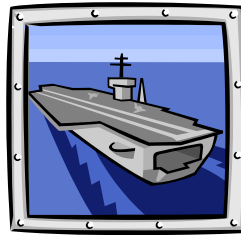
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About:
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He is a member of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles (M.S.A.). Their charism is to promote, form and accompany vocations to the priesthood and other ministries.



He ministered aboard from a dugout canoe in the Peruvian Amazon to served onboard a nuclear air carrier, the USS *ENTERPRISE* (CVN-65), rather a starship, and retired from the Chaplain Corps of the United States Navy.

Afterward, he became the Provincial Emeritus of the MSA USA.

Now, hopefully he is trying to through, with, and in, reflecting the traditional virtues, which are writing in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and those that are in some way are sounded in the depths of your heart.

— — —

NAUTICAL

The Mercy Ocean



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THE SEA LORD'S BOOKSHELF

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THE MIRACLE OF THE CHRISTMAS SHIP

by Carol Brusegar

~ ~ ~

The ship sailed from New York to deliver its cargo,
of gifts to European children during the First World War.

~ ~ ~

The ship, the USS *JASON*, a collier, which usually transports coal.
It wasn't carrying coal for stuffers of Santa's stockings!

The vessel became to have a nickname:

The Christmas Ship.

A pennant for it was named

"THE FLAG OF PEACE"

as we see below:



It was described as this:

**"'The Flag of Peace' in green, a gold star and
"INASMUCH" green.**

**The white background stood for peace, the gold star for hope,
and "Inasmuch" referenced the biblical quote
that was the motto of the entire campaign:**

**"inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of my brethren,
you have done it unto Me."**

(Matthew 25:40)

~ ~ ~

Note: The United States of America was in the Great War after 1917.

**"The USS *Jason* was going into an area at war. Government officials made necessary
arrangements to assure the safety of the ship, its crew and contents." Before its departure,
at November 14, 1914, the U.S. Acting Secretary of State, "confirmed what had been agreed
to with all foreign representatives of the United States."**

~ ~ ~

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[Christmas Season, 2024]

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL with NOAH



Mosaic in the Basilica of Saint Mark, Venice

The participants of Vincent's retreats were as various as the fishes of the waters. These people represent the Communion of the Church: young and old, scholar and illiterate, rich and poor, elite and outcasts, clergy and the laity, et cetera.

The sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous (cf. Matthew 5:45).

Saint Vincent said about his retreats, was like Noah's ark: every kind of creature was to be found in it.

In the one family of God has
THE MERCY OCEAN ...

A TRILOGY of FISHING PEOPLE

DIVINE CATCHING

***CAST* into the DEEP**

Fishers | Vocations

DIVINE CATCHING

“So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many the net was not torn” (John 21:11).



The Call of the Apostles, Fishers of Men

Some ancients thought that the number of 153 fishes were representing for all of their species, and this haul was a symbol for all people.

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CAST into the DEEP ...



**The catch is big,
but the fishers are few;
so ask the
DIVINE FISHER
of the catch
to send out fishers for his catch.**

— — —
Recalls Luke 5:1-10; 10:2
— — —

FISHERS | VOCATIONS

Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men (Mark 1:17).



The Miraculous Catch of Fish

— — —
Be fishers for people!

— — —
CAST into the DEEP ...

(Luke 5:4)

— — —
The Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles (M.S.A.)

Charism:

PROMOTE, FORM and ACCOMPANY

V O C A T I O N S

to the priesthood and other ministries in the Church.

— — —
PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Jesus said to His Holy Apostles,
"You will be catching people."

(Luke 5:10)

The Sermon of Saint Anthony to the Fish
was because the people did not listen
to the Word of God.

O ye fishes of the sea and of the river be attentive rather the people!

[*I Fioretti* of Saint Francis of Assisi, chapter 40]



Saint Anthony Preaching to the Fishes, ca. 1630, attributed to Francisco de Herrera the Elder

The Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles
was first founded* in the
Apostolicus Vicariatus Sancti Iosephi de Amazones.

“For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
Matthew 11:30



The Arapaima gigas (paiche) fish is hauled by a local fisher.

* Eusebe M. Menard, O.F.M.
Founder of the Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles (M.S.A.)



The Miraculous Catch of Fish; Jan Toorop, 1912, Netherlands

Rather fish ... FISHING for PEOPLE:

CAST into the **DEEP** ...
catching people (Luke 5:1-10).

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FLEE / ESCAPE to EGYPT

(Matthew 2:13-15)

There are many things that Jesus did were not written (John 21:25).

**Did Joseph want to not walk for health reasons or for safety ones?
Could the Magi's gift of gold was used for a better way over the sea?**

**"Via Maris" (Latin "The Sea Street") is an ancient sea lane,
connecting the Holy Land (Israel) to Egypt. Confer Isaiah 9:1 below:**

THE WAY OF THE SEA

**Whether any weather or any ways,
all ways and always
through, with, in
*The Mercy Ocean.***

SAINT AUGUSTINE and THE MERCY OCEAN

The great Doctor of the Church St. Augustine of Hippo spent over 30 years working on his treatise De Trinitate [about the Holy Trinity], endeavoring to conceive an intelligible explanation for the mystery of the Trinity.

The Vision of St. Augustine

St. Augustine was walking by the seashore one day contemplating the mystery of the Holy Trinity when he saw a little child running back and forth from the water to a spot on the seashore. The boy was using a shell to carry water from the large ocean and pour it into a small pit that he had made in the sand.

Augustine came up to him and asked him what he was doing.

“I’m going to pour the entire ocean into this hole,” the boy replied.

“What?” said Augustine. “That is impossible, my dear child, the sea is so great and the shell and the hole are so little.”

“That is true,” the boy said. “It would be easier and quicker to draw all the water out of the sea and fit it into this hole than for you to fit the mystery of the Trinity and His Divinity into your little intellect; for the Mystery of the Trinity is greater and larger in comparison with your intelligence than is this vast ocean in comparison with this little hole.”

And then the child vanished.

What does it mean?

Some say that St. Augustine had been talking with an angel sent by God to teach him a lesson on intellectual pride. Others say it was the Christ Child Himself who came to remind Augustine of the limits of human understanding in relation to the great mysteries of our Faith.



The Sea Shell

Because of this story,
the sea shell has become a symbol of St. Augustine and the study of theology.

The article above is based on the story in the “Golden Legend”, written in A. D. 1275 by Jacobus de Voragine, Archbishop of Genoa via Our Lady of Mercy Lay Carmelite Community.

**Saint Augustine
contemplated the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity.**

THE MERCY OCEAN

readers may pour that whole in another hole!*

*** The hole is the One.**

SAINT BRENDAN
the Navigator



"Saint Brendan and the Whale"
from a 15th-century manuscript.

PSALM 23 (Nautical Version)

The Lord is my admiral;
there is nothing I shall requisition.
Peaceful, like glass are the waters
where he gives me rack time.
To restful ports he leads me,
to boost my low morale.

He guides me along the true course;
he is faithful to his name.
If I should sail into storms of darkness
no shipwreck would I fear.
You are there with your chart and compass;
with these you give me liberty.

You have set up the mess decks for me
in the sight of my foes.
You anoint my head with a trim;
my mug is overflowing.

Surely fair winds and following seas
shall follow me all the days of my cruise.
In the Lord's own harbor shall I moor
forever and ever.



PSALM 23 (USMC Version)

The Lord is my commandant;
there is nothing I shall requisition.
Fresh and green are the fields
where he gives me rack time.
Near restful shores he leads me,
to boost my low morale.

He marches me along the right trail;
he is "*semper fidelis*" to his name.
If I should charge into storms of lead,
no death would I fear.
You are there with your map and compass;
with these you give me liberty.

You have prepared the chow hall for me
in the sight of my foes.
You anoint my head with a high and tight;
my mug is overflowing.

Surely fair winds and following seas
shall follow me all the days of my tour.
In the Lord's own camp shall I stand easy
for ever and ever.



***Behold, I have given you authority to tread
upon serpents and scorpions,
and over all the power of the enemy;
and nothing shall hurt you.***

(Luke 10:19)



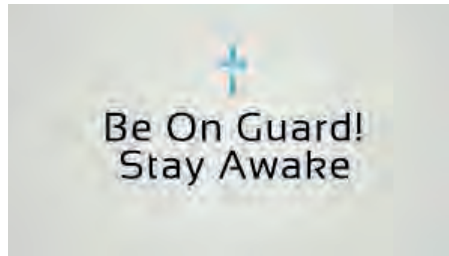
**The "rattlesnake" jack
was flying circa 1775 aboard ships of the
Continental Navy of the Thirteen Colonies.**

SEMPER PARATUS

Matthew 24:44

Stay awake, that you may be prepared!

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SEMPER PARATUS

ALWAYS READY

It is the motto of the United States Coast Guard.

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Here the motto of the old U.S. Life-Saving Service:

"You have to go out, but you don't have to come back."

— — —



La Virgen de los Navegantes

La Virgen de los Navegantes
The Virgin of the Navigators

Alejo Fernández (ca. 1531 and 1536)



**In *Admiral of the Ocean Sea* (Samuel Eliot Morison)
has a *Frontpiece*, with the title:**

Our Lady of the Fair Winds

The PASSION of JESUS

is a

SEA of SORROWS

but it is also an

OCEAN of LOVE.

Ask the Lord

to teach you to

FISH in this OCEAN.

DIVE into its DEPTHS.

NO MATTER HOW DEEP YOU GO,

YOU WILL

NEVER REACH THE BOTTOM.

(Saint Paul of the Cross)

As we learning to never reach the bottom:

In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on course. (Saint Boniface)

(...) and the storms the ship of Peter has weathered because it has Christ on board. (Saint Thomas Becket)

VINCENT de PAUL

Royal Chaplain of the Galleys of France

Vincent consoled the sorrowful, defended the rights of orphans and generously aided widows; whatever he did for the least, he did for Jesus.

The miserable condemned prisoners aboard the galleys were especially the least ... targets for opportunities to receive spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

They endured in various circumstances: damp dungeons ... chains on their legs ... only black bread and water ... covered with vermin and ulcers ... more repulsive conditions!

In any event, his legacy includes that King Louis XIII appointed him the royal almoner of the galleys.

The best title of Vincent de Paul is:

SAINT



A réale galley ship belonging to the Mediterranean fleet of Louis XIV.

Oil on canvas, c. 1694.

Artist unknown. Public Domain

SAINT JOHN BOSCO
with
THE MERCY OCEAN



**Saint John Bosco's Vision of
Two Pillars: Holy Eucharist and Our Lady**

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal's LITTLE BOAT

"Here is a little model of what we should do when we are taken by surprise as we row peacefully in our little boat. When all our emotions arise to stir up a great internal storm that seems certain to overwhelm us or drag us after it, we must not wish to calm this tempest ourselves. Rather, we must gently draw near the shore, keeping our will firmly in God, and coast along with the little waves; by humble knowledge of ourselves, we will reach God, who is our sure port. Let us go gently along without agitation or anxiety and without giving in to our emotions."

- (St. Jane de Chantal: Exhortations, Conferences and Instructions)



**A NEWFOUNDLAND LITTLE BOAT
by Père Michel Legault, MSA**



**Our Lady, Star on the Sea
of Jesus' Mercy he is Our guiding Light and Life-raft to safety.
- by Mary Kloska; 2022**

VALLEY of TEARS

— — —

It was or was not true, that someone said, that if a person wrote anything, then they'd find a reason to be keelhauling, walking the plank, be hanging, flogging, whipping with the cat o' nine tails, ouch et cetera!



Woodcut illustrating keelhauling, from the Tudor period (1485–1603)

**We are aboard in this imperfect world,
in its original sin,
as it is called in the valley of tears.**

**Now, now, hear this:
the experienced / salty crews would know this:
this imperfect world has this in reality:
original sin is part of the Judeo-Christian tradition;
and that those are communion with the Bishop of Rome,
usually would recall the words of the “vale of tears” in the song: *Hail, Holy Queen.***



[The insignia is from the radar navigation's rich history.]

SPIRITUAL NAVIGATION

Navigators speak of a "three point fix" in order to be able a reliable position on a chart. It is when three distances intersect themselves.

In a discernment is a "spiritual triangulation".

Spiritually also needs to intersect three points together.

For finding your correct position after ponder:

- 1. God's objective moral law, revealed in Sacred Scripture, Tradition and a legitimate magisterium;**
- 2. God arranges providentially in situations; and**
- 3. the testimony of your own informed conscience and inner peace.**

By lining up all three points at the same time is to be prudent.

It is the only way to stay as close to the course as we need.

If in a decision giving ALONE:

- a) Objective law alone is to run aground on LEGALISM.**
- b) Situations alone is to drift aimlessly into RELATIVISM.**
- c) Individual conscience alone is to sink into SUBJECTIVISM.**

In the event: "To navigate is precise; to live is not precise."

We need all the help in the voyage of life!

STELLA MARIS



DEEP WATER

*Hail Mary,
full of grace, the Lord is with you!
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

(Litany)

HOLY MARY

MOTHER of GOD,

STAR of the SEA,

QUEEN of the HOLY APOSTLES,

QUEEN of SEAFARERS,

QUEEN of FISHERS,

QUEEN of FAIR WINDS,

QUEEN of FOLLOWING SEAS,

QUEEN of the UNIVERSE,

PRAY FOR US

sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.



**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, 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 of Peace, pray for us!

Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us.

[The prayer of Saint Pope John Paul II to Our Lady Star of the Sea]



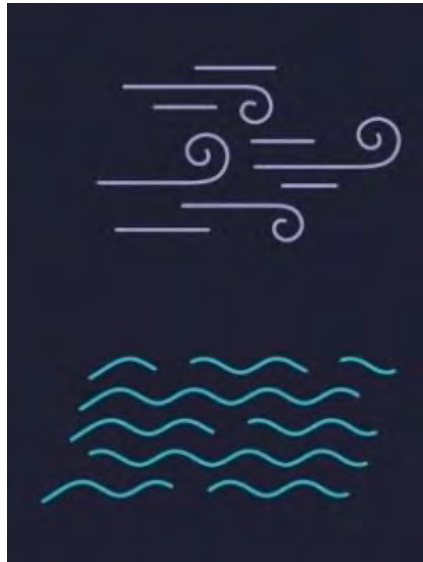
MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 2020 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS
(The Last Two Paragraphs)

Even amid the storm-tossed waters, then, our lives become open to praise. This is the last of our vocation words, and it is an invitation to cultivate the interior disposition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grateful that Lord gazed upon her, faithful amid fear and turmoil, she courageously embraced her vocation and made of her life an eternal song of praise to the Lord.

Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.

Franciscus

STORMY SEAS



PAIN:

A Storm.

GRATITUDE:

In the same boat.

ENCOURAGE:

Don't worry.

PRAISE:

Live the song of
the Star of the Sea.

Confer:

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 2020 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE
FRANCIS
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE
54th WORLD DAY OF PEACE
1 JANUARY 2021

A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE

9. There can be no peace without a culture of care

At a time like this, when the barque of humanity, tossed by the storm of the current crisis, struggles to advance towards a calmer and more serene horizon, the “rudder” of human dignity and the “compass” of fundamental social principles can enable us together to steer a sure course. As Christians, we should always look to Our Lady, Star of the Sea and Mother of Hope. May we work together to advance towards a new horizon of love and peace, of fraternity and solidarity, of mutual support and acceptance.

Our Lady, Star of the Sea and Mother of Hope, pray for us.

A BEACON of HOPE

The Cross is like a beacon that point out the port to ships that are still afloat on stormy seas. It is the sign of the hope that does not let us down; and it tells us that not even one tear, not one cry is lost in God's saving plan.

Have hope, an anchor of the soul, set and secure.

(confer Hebrews 6:19)



Stained glass in Mater Christi Chapel, Astoria NY

In the midst of this storm
I cast my anchor
toward the throne of God,
the anchor that is the lively home in my heart.
(Saint Paul Le-Bao-Tinh, Vietnamese Martyrs)

STILLA MARIS

A Drop of the Sea*

The Blessed Virgin Mary has various titles and here are two:

STELLA MARIS - the Star of the Sea.

STILLA MARIS - a Drop of the Sea.

Perhaps would be useful to study about Eusebius of Caesarea, Saint Jerome, the given name Miriam, the name of Mary, Ave Maria, Stella Maris, and confer Saint Faustina's Divine Mercy in My Soul (*Diary*, 432) and in other places.

Be immersed in fathomless Divine Mercy
like a drop of water in the ocean.

HOLY MARY,
a Drop of the Sea,
pray for us.

*** Some biblical scholars have seen in it the Hebrew words mar (bitter) and yam (sea). This first meaning can refer to Mary's bitter suffering at the cross and her many tears of sorrow.**

Another interpretation of the word mar renders Mary's name to mean "drop of the sea" and St. Jerome rendered it in Latin as stilla maris, which was later changed to stella (star) maris. This accounts for a popular title for Mary as "Star of the Sea".

Furthermore, perhaps study for the Pole Star (Polaris, North Star, polar star, polestar), which was related with earlier Marian veneration.



OUR LADY of MOUNT CARMEL = STELLA MARIS

The veneration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, often is associated with the devotion of her title Stella Maris.

The Brown Scapular holding here, has the Carmelite's coat of arms, which includes stars.

Perhaps, a star there recalls the relationship with Our Lady, Star of the Sea; as we know the sanctuary Stella Maris in Mount Carmel.

The MOTHER of GOD

is the source of all her titles.

**Words have limitations.
These “lifesaver” and “beacon”
are catalysts for devotion to her.**



The Magi from the East followed the Child’s star.

**The Mother of God
has a title
STELLA MARIS | the STAR of the SEA.**

We follow her.

**In our lives,
we become overwhelm
in the waves of our lives.**

We look to her as a lifesaver for us.

**Our Mother is a beacon
beckons to:
The lamp is the Lamb.**

*** “The lamp is the Lamb” (Revelation 21:23).**

**After the Nativity of the Lord,
the Magi's gifts were presented
to the Wedding of Cana!**

Time is a measure.

**In eternity there is no time.
With the Lord one day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like one day.**

The history of these mysteries are partially unveiled here:



**The Star of Bethlehem and the Star of the Sea
are beacons that beckon to:
the lamp is the Lamb.**

LAMB of GOD ... AGNUS DEI.



Saint Bonaventure noted that Our Lady, the Star of the Sea: “guides to a landfall in heaven those who navigate the sea of this world in the ship of innocence or penance.”

The Blessed Virgin Mary is a beacon and a lifesaver in our stormy seas.



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This is helpful to readers **and/or others.**

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THE PASSOVER'S SACRIFICE ANIMAL

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**Your lamb shall be without blemish,
a year-old male;
you may take it from the sheep
or
from the goats.
(Exodus 12:5)**

— — —

YOUR THRILLING for others reasons ...

— — —

FAITING GOATS

They are breed that for their other different characters.

**When they are too
excited or surprised they faint!**



**The goats,
rather cattle or other animals
or of course, some human beings,
are not getting sea sickness!**

The ADMIRAL of the OCEAN SEA

El almirante de la Mar Océana (original in Spanish)

The Admiral of the Ocean Seas (in other sources)

[A title to Christophorus Columbus, aka Christopher Columbus]

**introduced goats,
God's creatures,
to the
Western Hemisphere.**

GOATS

are being mascots for sport teams and/or what, why?

Why it is that their adult males is called a "Billy"?

In any event, they bleat ... and as many human beings cry:
maa ...



Billie's morning bath.

Per: Goats and the U.S. Navy
via: Naval History and Heritage Command / history.navy.mil

GOT WATER?

Look, here is water! What is to prevent persons being baptized?
([Confer](#): Acts of the Apostles 8:36)

**Daniel with lions and
GOATS.**

— — —

**DANIEL SAVED from the LIONS
(Daniel 6:10-28)**

— — —

**Bless the Lord,
all wild animals / beasts
and cattle / livestock / tame ...
sing praise to him and
highly exalt him forever.
(Confer Daniel 3)**

— — —

NEVER DIE!

Old soldiers never die,
they simply fade away.
(from *Old Soldiers Never Die*)

Old sailor radarmen never die,
they fade away like a contact,
or pass their CPE.*
(from *Vincent A. Salamoni*)

* (Closest Point of Approach)

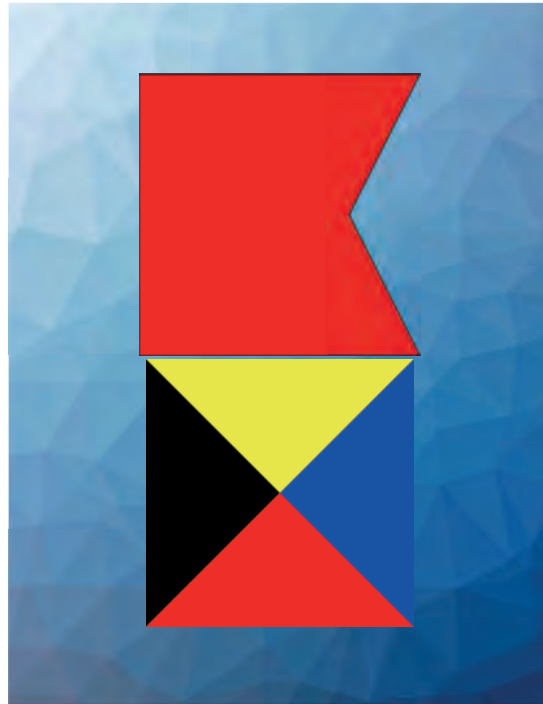
**“O Jesus,
the soul who plunges into
the shoreless ocean of Your Love,
draws with her
all the treasures she possesses.”**

Story of a Soul
The Autobiography of
St. Thérèse of Lisieux; Chapter XI



BRAVO ZULU

this is for Sea Services jargon:



When these
two maritime pennants hoisting together is signify:

WELL DONE.

THANK YOU = WELL DONE = BRAVO ZULU

**The EUCHARIST, the Blessed Sacrament,
is an action of thanksgiving to God.**

(confer: *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 1328)

VARIOUS

ST. JAW

**This mysterious / mythical / marvelous saint
would be helpful to you and / or others.**

Here is this acrostic poem:

Sufferings,

Thoughts,

Joys,

Actions,

Words.

— — —

INTENTION

**DEAR GOD:
IN YOUR
MERCIFUL PRESENCE
WE PRESENT
TO YOU
OUR PRAYERS,
SUFFERINGS,
THOUGHTS,
JOYS,
ACTIONS, AND
WORDS.
WE ASK THIS
THROUGH YOUR WILL.
AMEN.**

Refer: The Liturgy of the Hours and traditional daily offerings.

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O ANTIPHONS



○ ANTIPHONS

See the first letters of these Latin Biblical titles.

- **S**APIENTIA (Wisdom)
- **A**DONAI (Lord)
- **R**ADIX JESSE (Root of Jesse)
- **C**LAVIS DAVID (Key of David)

- **O**RIENS (Dayspring)
- **R**EX GENTIUM (King of Nations)
- **E**MMANUEL (God-with-us)

Then read them in reverse order, which form this acrostic

ERO CRAS,

which translates as:

I will be with you tomorrow.

December 17

○ SAPIENTIA (Wisdom)

**○ Wisdom
of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!**

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

Past: Bethlehem

The flocks lead the shepherds' path and others the Star's.

**Future: Final Judgement
Justice shall flower (...)**

Present | Now: the Eucharist

The Born is the Sacred Host _ the Body of Christ.

December 18

○ ADONAI (Lord)

**○ Leader
of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!**

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

**Past: Bethlehem
The lowly and the poor filled the stable.**

**Future: Final Judgement
The Lord our justice will decision the verdict.**

**Present | Now: the Eucharist
Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.**

December 19

○ RADIX JESSE (Root of Jesse)

**○ Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!**

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

**Past: Bethlehem
(...) birth had borne (...)**

**Future: Final Judgement
(...) new life (...)**

**Present | Now: the Eucharist
Behold (...) offering the Body (...) be fulfilled.**

December 20

○ CLAVIS DAVID (Key of David)

**○ Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!**

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

Past: Bethlehem

The Star radiant from horizon to horizons.

**Future: Final Judgement
The Most High is the Judge.**

**Present | Now: the Eucharist
I AM the GATE.**

(John 10:9)

December 21

○ ORIENS (Dayspring)

**○ Radiant Dawn,
eternal light, sun of justice:
come, shine on those
who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.**

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

**Past: Bethlehem
(...) and you are lovely (...) the Nativity Scene!**

**Future: Final Judgement
God's Plan.**

**Present | Now: the Eucharist
Blessed are you who believed (...)
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

December 22

○ REX GENTIUM (King of Nations)

**○ King of all nations
and keystone of the Church;
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!**

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

Past: Bethlehem

The Dedicated Baby in a stable!

Future: Final Judgement

The Lord casts down and lifted up.

Present | Now: the Eucharist

**Fill our hungry for the
BREAD of ANGELS,
whom IS the
BREAD of LIFE.**

December 23

○ EMMANUEL (God-with-us)

**○ Emmanuel,
king and lawgiver, desire of the nations,
Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.**

Jesus' three (3) advent | comings:

Past: Bethlehem

A humble way with the manger in the stable.

Future: Final Judgement

Doom or Boom?

Present | Now: the Eucharist

Lamb of God (...) have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei (...) miserere nobis.

Confer:

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah (per the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).



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The END of the WORLD

**The End / the Edge
of the Earth
ARRIVED.**

**It became the
CENTERED
of Christ's cosmos?**

MISSIONS des FRANCISCAINS



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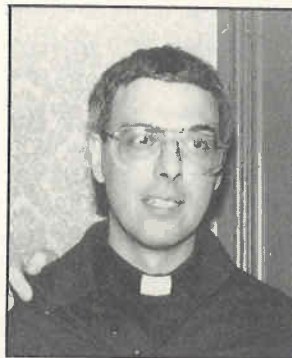


*Prêtres et laïcs
unis
pour humaniser
et évangéliser
le monde*

**LE PÈRE EUSÈBE-H. MÉNARD, O.F.M., FONDATEUR
AVEC MONSIEUR HECTOR DURAND, COFONDATEUR**

JE SUIS ARRIVÉ AU BOUT DU MONDE!

PÈRE VINCENT SALAMONI, M.Ss.A.



Le Père Vincent Salamoni, M.Ss.A.

Ordonné prêtre par Mgr Laurent Guibord, O.F.M., Vicaire apostolique de Saint Joseph de l'Amazone, au Pérou, dans la chapelle du Séminaire des Saints-Apôtres à Cromwell, Connecticut, le 22 février 1984, j'ai quitté les États-Unis le 17 mars, le jour de la Saint Patrice, à destination d'Iquitos, Pérou, où je suis arrivé le 19 mars, fête de Saint Joseph, le patron du Vicariat qui m'accueillait comme missionnaire, pour assister à l'ouverture de l'Assemblée annuelle du Vicariat apostolique Saint-Joseph de l'Amazone. J'ai vécu mes deux premières semaines en Amazonie... en réunions. Tout se passait en espagnol, comme il se doit, et, moi, je ne comprenais pas encore la langue. Je me sentais plongé dans un tunnel où l'on ne perçoit la moindre lueur.

Mgr Guibord m'a envoyé travailler à Pevas aux côtés de missionnaires chevronnés. Pevas? Ne cherchez pas Pevas sur votre carte du Pérou, à moins que vous n'en possédiez une très détaillée. Dire tout simplement que Pevas se trouve à l'autre bout du monde, c'est m'exprimer avec modération. Pevas se trouve sur la berge de la rivière Ampiyacu qui coule dans le fleuve Amazone à une centaine de mètres du village. Pevas, c'est une petite localité d'à peu près 1 500 âmes. La paroisse de l'Immaculée-Conception dépasse les limites du village pour s'étendre amplement et abriter quelque 10 000 autres fidèles dont la plupart vivent dans des hameaux d'une cinquantaine de personnes. La plus éloignée des localités que nous desservons se trouve à 4 heures de Pe-



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ROSARY

The Mysteries of the Rosary of Mary, Queen of the Holy Apostles

The *italic* quotes
are by
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(MSA)**

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First Mystery

The Vocation of the Holy Apostles

***"The mission
of an apostle
is nothing
if God
doesn't inspire it."***

Second Mystery

**Jesus and the Apostles
in the Holy Land**

***"Love is the very meaning
of life
and the world ...
everything comes from
Him
and ends with Him."***

Third Mystery

The Last Supper

"When the priest celebrates the Eucharist, he celebrates with the universe itself."

Fourth Mystery

**The Descent
of the Holy Spirit
on the Apostles**

***"By the flame
of the Holy Spirit,
kindle in me
apostolic zeal ..."***

Fifth Mystery

**Mary, Queen of the Apostles
and of the Universe**

***"The Coronation
is the participation of
the risen Jesus' glory;
it is participation
of his love and
happiness."***

MENARD'S MULES



YOU

TOTALLY or PARTIALLY?

Saint Francis of Assisi would poetically charitably say: YOU are the Brother Ass?

Father E. H. Menard, O.F.M., the founder of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles (M.S.A.) would similarly say about a problematic person - a mule - in our community, that if you thrown out that person, that will result, that we would receive a worse one!

St. John Berchmans, S.J., (Nov. 26, Proper Calendar of the Society of Jesus) would say, "My penance is to live the common life ... I will pay (...) to the least inspiration of God."

In a paraphrase one, he was trying to say this:

COMMUNITY WAS MY WORSE SUFFERING.

Father Menard spoke about the MULES / the difficult persons.

Yes, mules are stubborn; YET, they are better being persevere on their self thinking, not a taskmaster; that is why some drivers, are used their whips in too times, and they shaved some hair on the mules' back; the shave shown the bared skin to be sensitive; it is these drivers were called "mule-skinners."

A mule is better, not a hard head; they are better than horses because they have HARD HOOVES and have a better "sure foot" than a horse; a mule carries more heavy loads, more stamina, endurance, more resistant of insects and rain inclement, patient in some heavy loads than a donkey or a horse.

Bigger problems sometimes being a person to be a mule / a PEST to others.

If any person has heavy loads, then plow with Jesus' yoke, and carry as being a partaker of divinity.

Many said that Community - or any person's quirks replaces the sufferings of Purgatory, which is in your circumstances that is is your Cross. As TRYING to DO the council of the Serenity Prayer. Being with your mule, bear wrongs patiently.

Fr. Menard's Spiritual Testimony has this:

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE.

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John Duns SCOTUS, O.F.M.

DEDICATION to:
(Reverend)
Eusebe H. Menard, O.F.M.

Father Menard, this Franciscan, is the principal founder of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles (M.S.A.).

Father honored "SCOTUS" for named the principal hall in the Missionaries' General House campus in Ricardo Palma, Peru.

The basis of these followed pages were founded in the archives of the Missionaries.

The diagrams of God's plan are predated 1984. After many years, the English version was published in the section "God's Plan" in the book: *The Mercy Ocean*.

Those drawings did not use the words "Primacy of Christ" or the "Recapitulation of Christ".

Yet, see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC); 2nd Edition:

Everything is RECAPITULATED in Christ

(n. 2748; and several notes there)

Confer:

**GOD'S Plan
in the diagrams
show without words about the
Primacy of Christ.**

It has

"as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth."

(Ephesians 1:10)

Note: Father Menard reflects / honors Blessed Scotus' / Franciscans' idea of the "Primacy of Christ" / in Jesus' whole life is a mystery of recapitulation (confer CCC n. 518) for our ORIGINAL VOCATION.

Now, we follow thus ...

INCARNATION *and the* **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Blessed Duns Scotus, the Subtle Doctor and the Doctor of Mary Immaculate, wrote about the subject “**Primacy of Christ.**”

GOD’S PLAN was before the creation of time. In the marvelous providence, the 2nd Person of the Trinity would become in the **INCARNATION** and become the Head of creation. So, we have a phrase: Primacy of Christ!

See the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) paragraphs 518, 1138 and cross-references about the mystery of recapitulation/the Primacy of Christ.

All things in heaven and on earth are united in the Lord Jesus, who is the pinnacle of all creation.

As a plan to unite all things in Jesus, things in all the Universe (see Ephesians 1:10); united in the Lord Jesus, who is the head of the body, the church and preeminent of everything (Colossians 1:18).

In the mystery of the Incarnation, the fruit of Mary’s womb was being from her Immaculate flesh.

The Holy Spirit proceeds eternally from one principle and through one spiration (CCC 246). Perhaps, another title of the Holy Spirit is: “***The Original Immaculate Conception***”. Mary was an **incarnated** Immaculate Conception. She, the Spouse of the Holy Spirit, offered herself, which the baby’s Body was **incarnated from her Immaculate flesh!**



GOD'S PLAN
PRIMACY of CHRIST

"**GOD'S PLAN**" is an article by Eusebe Menard, O.F.M. in the MSA archives.

In his library is a book titled "La Royauté univereselle du Sacré-Coeur l'Immaculée de Marie d'après la doctrine du Bienheureux Jean Duns Scot" - *Les Vox Franciscaines*; P. Sigismond, OM Cap., 1925 ["The Sacred Heart's Universal Kingship and Mary's Immaculate Conception according the doctrine of Blessed John Duns Scotus"].

Blessed Duns Scotus, the Doctor of Mary Immaculate, wrote about the subject "Primacy of Christ." It was not popular. Historically, the 2nd Person of the Trinity was born to redeem us from sins. So we listen to the song Exultant in the Easter Vigil Liturgy for the "happy fault."

Scotus concluded that sin should not be necessarily for the Incarnation.

Many disagreed with Scotus and posed the question, "Why challenge his idea when in fact, sin happened?"

The Franciscan Scotist position was avoided for about 700 years. Finally in the 20th century, the Franciscans changed their opponents' question into a declaration statement: "**God's Plan** was before time. In the marvelous providence, the 2nd Person of the Trinity would become Incarnate and become the Head of creation. So, we have the Primacy of Christ!"

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Note:

There are diagrams of **GOD'S Plan** shows implicitly the Primacy of Christ, Mary's position, and Scotus' teaching about the Immaculate Conception; it is explicitly in these pages.

[Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles \(MSA\) Archives:](#)
[God 10 – GOD'S PLAN](#); (Father Menard's Writings)
[Memo: The words GOD'S PLAN, CHRIST, MARY,
were printed on about 1990 in the Missionaries' General Office.]

ALL LIVES MATTER

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All *exact* answers are not from scientific direct observations of ethnicity *estimates*.

Read Y-chromosomal Adam, the Mitochondrial Eve, and for *Humani Generis* (36, 37).

Perhaps, the Creator will give us all the answers!

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The Vine by Robin Joyce Miller

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As we offer to the Creator
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become humanity's spiritual drink.

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**This and the following page
is referenced from the sections:
Heart of Christ's Mystical Body
and
Corpus Christi,
which was published in the book:
*THE MERCY OCEAN.***

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**THE SACRED HEART of JESUS
is not the only one part of the
Heart of Christ's Mystical Body?**

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**Is the Immaculate Heart
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
is the Silent Heart of Joseph,
and all the hearts of the partakers
of Jesus' Divinity
are part of the
Heart of Christ's Mystical Body?**

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The EUCHARISTIC HEART of CHRIST'S MYSTICAL BODY

**FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.¹**

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is a sign and cause of the unity of Christ's Mystical Body ... For there is only one flesh of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and only one chalice unto the union of His blood.²

Jesus said: In the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy.³

The heart of Mary is like the Heart of her Son in all things.⁴

Love is the "heart" of Christ's Mystical Body.⁵

When we are in the state of grace, then we are partakers of the Heart of Christ's Mystical Body.⁶

¹ Eucharistic Prayers from the Order of the Holy Mass.

² Saint Paul VI, *Mysterium fidei*, 70 and 75.

³ Saint Faustina, *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul*, 1572.

⁴ Saint John Paul II, Angelus Message, September 3, 1989.

⁵ Saint John Paul II, General Audience, July 8, 1998, paragraph 3.

⁶ Confer the Eucharistic Prayers, 2 Peter 1:4 and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 460.



The CRÈCHE and the CROSS

**Rather the hard cold dirty floor;
rather feathers or straw,
or thorns?**

**Rather the
mob and executioners
bad breath
or the beasts?**

**Where would be the
Mother of God?
Near the wood
of the manger
and the cross ...**

**Upon the manger in
Bethlehem, the
House of Bread,
holds the babe
Whom is:**

**The Bread of Life
on
the Cross,
the universe's throne.**

DONT KNOTS

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
LOOSED KNOTS



Mary, Untier of Knots
by Johann Georg Schmidtner; c. 1700

The devotion, in Germany, was known as

Maria Knotenlöserin

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“We all have knots, or deficiencies in our hearts, and we go through difficulties. God, our good Father, who distributes his grace to all of his children, wants us to trust Her, to entrust to Her the knots of our sins, the tangles of our miseries that prevent us from uniting ourselves with God, to allow Her to untie them and bring us to Her son Jesus.”

(Pope Francis, as he was the Archbishop of Buenos Aires; cf. *Our Lady, Untier of Knots: Story of a Marian Devotion*)

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DONT KNOTS

DONT TREAD ON ME - was embroidered without an apostrophe, on a maritime pennant. It is the **“rattlesnake” jack, which was flying circa 1775 aboard ships of the Continental Navy of the Thirteen Colonies.**

It recalls sometimes this:

Behold, I have given you authority to tread
upon serpents and scorpions,
and over all the power of the enemy;
and nothing shall hurt you.

(Luke 10:19)

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Fisher’s lines are sometimes tangled ...
Boatswains are experts of nautical knots ...
Saint “Padre Pio” Pius of Pietrelcina popularity said:
“Pray, hope and don’t worry” ...
so just without apostrophes DONT worry ...

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Mary, Untier of Knots,
unravel the tangles of our lives ...
pray for us.
Amen.

The INCARNATION of the WORD of GOD

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The Archangel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary ... The Holy Spirit come upon her, and the power of the Most High overshadowed her. The child was to be born and will be called holy, the Son of God (Confer / Cf.: Luke 1:26-38).

The Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity is the Word of God / Logos (Gk. Λόγος).

Jesus Christ, the Word of God, was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.

One of the reasons that the Word of God became flesh to make us "*partakers of the divine nature*" (Cf.: the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 460, and "you may come to share in the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).

INTENTION

DEAR GOD:
IN YOUR
MERCIFUL PRESENCE
WE PRESENT
TO YOU
OUR PRAYERS,
SUFFERINGS,
THOUGHTS,
JOYS,
ACTIONS, AND
WORDS.
WE ASK THIS
THROUGH YOUR WILL.
AMEN.

(Cf.: The Liturgy of the Hours, the traditional daily offerings
and the mysterious / mythical / marvelous saint:
ST. JAW, whom is within an acrostic poem.)

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As being temples of the Holy Spirit, we incarnate the Word of God within us!
(Cf.: *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 1197)

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**Blessed be God
all ways and always.**

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Glory to ...

**the Father, and the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:**

as it was in the beginning,

is now,

and will be for ever.

Amen.

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