

FOR FISHING PEOPLE

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DIVINE CATCHING

CAST into the DEEP

Fishers | Vocations

Continuing ...

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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.**

***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.**

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Recalls Luke 5:1-10; 10:2
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FISHERS | VOCATIONS

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



The Miraculous Draught of Fishes; Byzantine

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Be fishers for people!

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CAST into the DEEP ...

(Luke 5:4)
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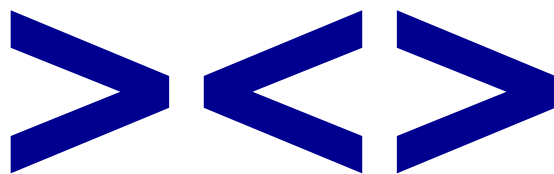
PROMOTE, FORM and ACCOMPANY

V O C A T I O N S

to the priesthood and other ministries in the Church.

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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!
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GUIDE
FISHING
for
PEOPLE





Jesus, a versatile person, had known carpenter's skill said:

I AM the Good Shepherd.

JESUS is a Miraculous Fisher.



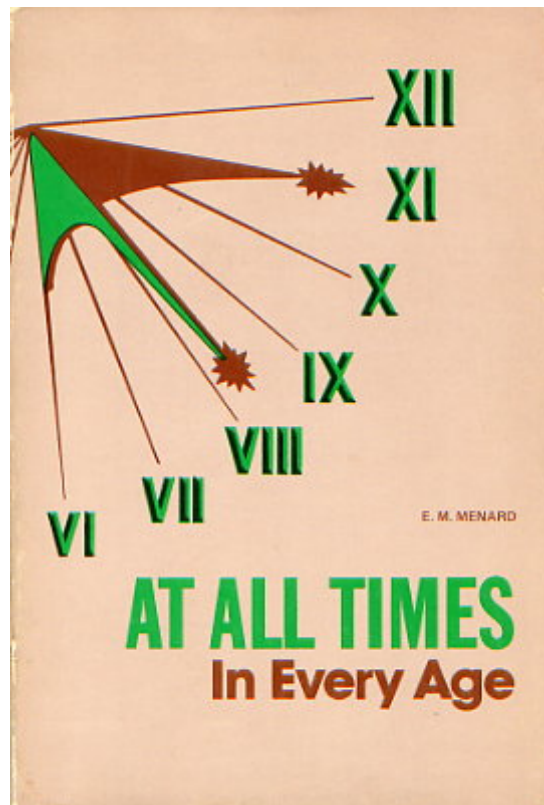
The Miraculous Catch of Fish
Jan Toorop, 1912

**The Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles
was first founded* in the
Apostolicus Vicariatus Sancti Iosephi de Amazones
(Vicariate Apostolic of San José de Amazonas)
The Arapaima gigas (paiche) fish is hauled by a local fisher.**



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

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



**For the kingdom of heaven is like
a fisher who went out early
in the morning to hire a crew.**

Confer: Matthew 20:1

There are vocations
AT ALL TIMES
In Every Age*
and follow to them!

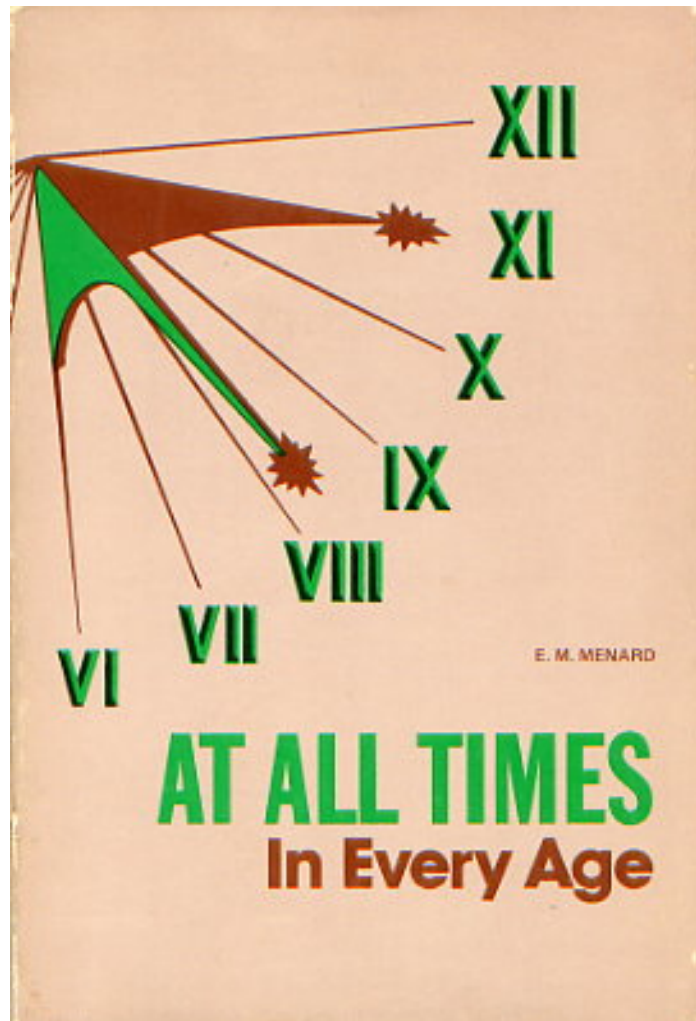
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Promote ... Foster ... Accompany

Time to Fishing? Not the Time?



Simon said in reply,
“Master, we have worked hard
all night
and have caught nothing,
but at your command I will lower the nets.”

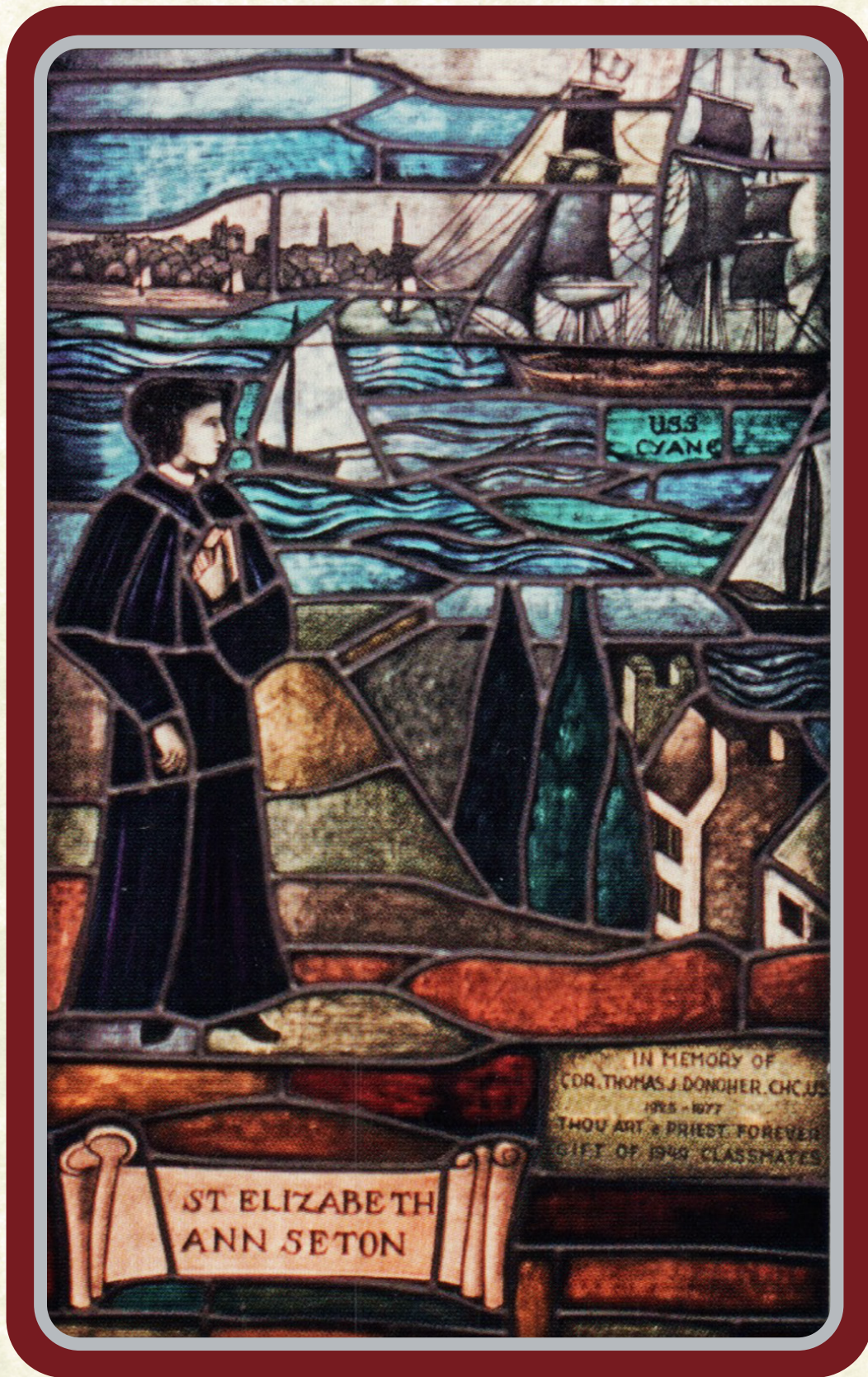
(Confer Luke 5:5)

AT ALL TIMES In Every Age

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Founder of the Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles

YOU HAVE THE TIME!



SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Patroness of the Sea Services, pray for us.

- Vincent A. Salamoni • 2024



The Sea at Katwijk / The Sea | Jan Toorop, 1887

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)

**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**

NOW YOU: CATCH PEOPLE!

"The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia."
(The Holy Mass, Monday of the Third Week of Easter; Entrance Antiphon)

The Divine Fisher has risen, who laid down his life for his people and willingly died for his catch, alleluia.
(poetic license)



(Saint Peter University Hospital, Brunswick NJ USA; stained glass)

**The Divine Fisher has risen.
He caught his people and died for them.**

(Confer Luke 5:1-10, John 21:11)



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]

The ancient argonauts ... any FISHER ... or any person ...
be tempted and fall from the sirens's songs ... or any reason ...
don't lure for a "fishy" / untrue story,
and
don't fall into temptation
... hopefully, then repair it.

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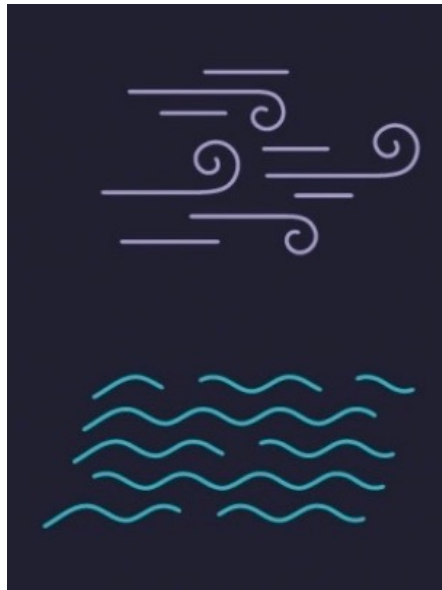
A bad habit
and / or a **fluke** action,
as your heart is **flounder**:

Change your course to a "conversion of heart is accompanied by
a salutary pain and sadness which the Fathers called *animi
cruciatus* (affliction of spirit) and *compunctio cordis* (repentance
of heart)."

(Confer this source: The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraph 1431).

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**In Collision Courses
in the Raging Seas
or
similar circumstances:**



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.

A BEACON of HOPE

The Cross is like a beacon that point out the port to ships, fishing boats and all vessels, 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.

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**Confer: Francis, Bishop of Rome, General Audience, March 31, 2021**

**In any events,  
circumstances, forecasts,  
ALL / et cetera:**

**BLESSED BE GOD  
all ways and always**



The Anchor of  
**HOPE**

is of the soul, sure and firm. It reaches behind a veil.  
(see Hebrews 6:19)

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**OUR LADY, STAR of the SEA pray for us.**

**HOLY APOSTLES, pray for us.**

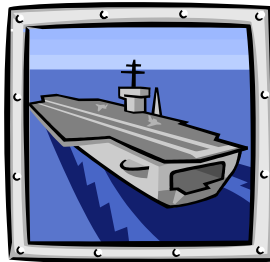
**ALL, pray for us!**

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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 basin 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, from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and to be to those were encountered in him, to sound them in the depths of *their* heart.**

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**Society of the**  
**MISSIONARIES of the HOLY APOSTLES**  
**(M.S.A.)**

**Its talent / gift / charism from the Holy Spirit who, through the Founder (a Franciscan priest) brought the Society into being within the Church to promote, form and accompany youths and adults in their vocation to the priesthood and to other ministries in the Church.**

**“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.h He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming” (John 16:13).**

**Confer: Its Constitution, article 1.**