

Antwerp, December 2025



Dear friends and supporters of Stella Maris and the seafarers,

For over 100 years, Apostolatus Maris Stella Maris has been committed to improving the welfare and support of seafarers. As a seafarers' club, we are proud of the vital role we play on a global scale, and we strive to maintain this role with the utmost care and integrity. Besides our almoners, we have around 20 volunteers who visit ships, staff our shop, bring the rolling store on board, and perform various logistical tasks.

The busy end-of-year season is approaching. On December 6th, Sinterklaas (Saint Nicolas) and his helpers will visit the crews in the port and distribute chocolate to both seafarers and dockworkers. On Christmas Eve, December 24th, seafarers are invited to the Antwerp Harbour Hotel or AHH for a special Mass and party.

All guests are treated to a festive Christmas dinner. Each year, we welcome around 200 participants.

During the Christmas period, we also visit ships with gift packages filled with hats, scarves, sweets, toiletries, and gadgets.

These December activities are a great success for the seafarers, but they also require a significant investment from us. That's why we are asking for your support to help us continue these meaningful actions.

You can make a donation to **Apostolatus Maris vzw** – Stella Maris, Noorderlaan 100 bus 1, 2030 Antwerp, **ARGENTA: BE 54 9733 9140 1397 BIC ARSPBE22**, or via **Caritas Hulpbetoon vzw BE80 7765 9023 3377**, mentioning project number **8342 Apostolatus Maris vzw**.

Instructions are attached. Upon request, we can provide an invoice for companies and organizations.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Jacques D'havé – President