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**STELLA MARIS**

**Subject: Invitation to Serve as a Stella Maris Cruise Chaplain this Christmas and Easter**

Dear Father,

Each Christmas and Easter, Stella Maris—the **Catholic Church’s maritime charity**—deploys seven Catholic priests aboard P&O cruise ships to offer pastoral and sacramental support to seafarers and passengers. Many crew members, particularly Roman Catholics, spend up to nine months away from their families. Your priestly presence during these holy seasons can offer comfort, encouragement, and a vital connection to the Church.

We are currently seeking priests who may feel called to serve in this unique and rewarding ministry. Whether retired, on sabbatical, or serving with the support of your bishop or religious superior, your presence can make a profound difference in the lives of those working at sea.

**Who Can Apply?**

- Diocesan or religious priests (with appropriate permissions)
- Retired priests or those on sabbatical
- Confident in pastoral care, liturgy, and adaptable to a unique environment

**What’s Involved?**

- Onboard Ministry for 1–2 weeks during Christmas or Easter
- Offering daily Mass, Reconciliation, and pastoral support
- All travel and accommodation costs covered by P&O and Stella Maris

**Next Steps:**

- Watch 🖱️ [Life as a Stella Maris Cruise Chaplain](#)
- Read 🖱️ [Cruise Chaplains Pastoral Handbook](#)
- Complete 🖱️ [Application Form](#)

After completion of your application, we would be pleased to arrange an initial conversation at your convenience.

On behalf of the Cruise Chaplaincy Team, thank you for considering this invitation.

Kind regards,

**Luke Phillips**

**Regional Port Chaplain for Southern Ports and Cruise Chaplaincy Coordinator**

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