



STELLA MARIS

Appointment of
Regional Port Chaplain – Northern Ireland
Candidate Pack



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Thank you for your interest in this post. This information pack is designed to help you with your application. Please read it carefully before submitting your application. If you have any questions that are not addressed in this pack, then please contact:

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Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the role of Regional Port Chaplain for Northern Ireland. Our name translates as the 'Star of the Sea' and has long been the favoured title by which Catholic seafarers refer to the mother of God, in whose protection they have traditionally placed their trust.

History. Formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea, Stella Maris was founded in Glasgow in 1920. While the nature of our work has evolved along with changes in the maritime industry, what hasn't changed are the found beliefs that are at the heart of what we do. These beliefs are fair working conditions, respect for human rights and that we always offer our very best. Please take time to read more about our history here: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/our-history/>

Mission. Our mission it to provide pastoral, practical and spiritual support to seafarers, fishers and their families, regardless of creed, gender or ethnicity, and primarily by ship visiting.

The Future. It's our goal to improve the first-class service we currently deliver, so that Stella Maris continues to grow to reach more seafarers, fishers and their families. The job description and person specification will tell you more about the role, and the type of person we are looking for. Our website (www.stellamarismail.org.uk) provides further detail, regarding our mission and values, and the difference we make in the lives of the 'People of the Sea'.



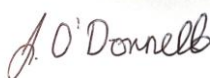
Tim Hill MBE

Chief Executive Officer / National Director



“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”. 1 Peter 4:10

Who we are. Stella Maris is the largest ship visiting network in the world, with over 1,000 chaplains and volunteers in 330 ports across 60 countries. Stella Maris UK employs a team of 22 chaplains supported by 75 volunteer ship visitors, and numerous port parish contacts in the heart of the community. Within the Management Team, our support staff of 18 people are primarily based in our London office, with some members of staff working from Scotland and the Regions. As an organisation, we work extremely closely with the clergy, our sister maritime charities, as well as national and international maritime organisations and industry. If you share our passion to support the People of the Sea and the mission of Stella Maris, then I very much look forward to hearing from you.



Rev. Joseph O'Donnell

Senior Area Port Chaplain for Scotland & Northern Ireland





Job Description

Title of post:	Regional Port Chaplain Northern Ireland
Responsible to:	Senior Area Port Chaplain
Hours:	Full-time, 40 hours per week
Responsible for:	Stella Maris Ship Visitors and other local volunteers

MAIN PURPOSES OF THE JOB

The Stella Maris (SM) Regional Port Chaplain will promote the vision, mission and values of SM in caring for all seafarers and fishers by helping to meet their pastoral and spiritual needs. They will recruit, train and support SM staff and volunteers for the port and will maintain good relations with local parishes and the local diocese. They will work ecumenically with members of other Christian maritime societies with whom SM works.

1. To meet the welfare and pastoral needs of all seafarers and fishers equally according to their needs and wishes. To be an advocate on their behalf, upholding the dignity of each. Through regular and frequent ship visiting, to understand the working and living conditions of the seafarer and fishers and be able to work for justice and for the well-being of all crew members without distinction.
2. To address the communication needs of seafarers, providing transport, news, and access to telephone and internet facilities.
3. To address the welfare needs of seafarers and fishers, including support with money transfers, hospitality, and crisis support, e.g. abandonment, injury and death, detainment, bereavement, advice and access to medical care.
4. To meet the ecclesial, spiritual, and sacramental needs of Catholic seafarers and fishers; to facilitate the religious and spiritual needs of others and to be a pastor to all, sharing one's faith as appropriate.
5. To participate in SM conferences, ongoing formation and other professional courses as required.
6. To supporting seafarer centre functioning.
7. To recruit, train, develop and retain a SM ship visiting volunteering team.

8. To represent SM on the local Port Welfare Committee(s), to include attending such meetings and submitting reports.
9. To liaise and maintain good working relationships with all port stakeholders, including the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the International Transport Workers' Federation, port health, harbour masters, dockers, security, and shipping agents.
10. To work in an ecumenical and multi-faith context by respecting the differing religious and spiritual needs of seafarers drawn from diverse regions throughout the world.
11. To encourage and support the development of an ecumenical service to seafarers through engagement with our ecumenical colleagues, including the Mission to Seafarers, The Fishermen's Mission, The Sailors' Society (to name a few).
12. To engage with local maritime colleges.
13. To engage with the local press, in particular the local Catholic diocesan press.
14. To represent and be a proactive advocate for SM at Deanery meetings, in local parishes, in schools, with diocesan Justice and Peace networks, with migrant communities, in the local Catholic community and in the local community as a whole.
15. To support the Fundraising and Communications team with the development of local fundraising initiatives.
16. To promote SM internally and externally so as to ensure a highly motivated workforce and a positive external image.

No job profile can cover every issue which may arise within the post at various times and the post holder is expected to carry out other duties from time to time.



Person Specification

Regional Port Chaplain for Northern Ireland

General Info

Stella Maris UK is a well-known and respected charity within the maritime industry. We are the largest ship visiting network in the world. As a Regional Port Chaplain, you will be responsible for being the face of the charity when visiting ships, seafarers, fishers and their families. You will also be representing the charity at meetings, conferences, events and any other required functions. You will need to be effective, efficient, well organised, confident and comfortable in working with all other stakeholders, organisations and charities whilst undertaking various tasks in and out of the port environment.

The role will also require interactions and communication with various staff members at head office, the Senior Area Port Chaplain and other members of the team, as well as communicating and building relationships with local Catholic parishes. You may also be asked to attend various meetings or gatherings where you would be asked to give a presentation on the work of Stella Maris.

It will be vitally important to be flexible whilst working within this role and environment using as much effective time management as possible, but remaining creative and using initiative when necessary, in certain situations and circumstances.

The role of chaplain can often be a lonely and sometimes isolated role that may require some out of hours working. Things do not always go according to plan and sometimes you may not be welcomed onboard. The role can be challenging mentally, emotionally and sometimes physically (long, steep gangways to board ships). You will be part of a bigger team that has chaplains spread out through Scotland, as well as being part of the large team of chaplains in the North of England, South of England and Wales. Chaplains in Scotland and Northern Ireland area gather together for a retreat and social time once a year, and the whole organisation will also meet annually for a retreat and staff conference.

Supporting seafarers is a varied, demanding, rewarding, fulfilling and vital ministry.

Required Elements:

- Roman Catholic (highly desirable).
- Full UK Driving Licence.
- Able to work independently and without supervision.
- Be able to use own initiative.
- Happy to manage and be responsible for a small team of volunteers.
- Good interpersonal/social skills.
- Able to interact and be comfortable around a diverse range of people.
- Willing to work ecumenically (with other of other faiths and those of no faith).
- Be competent in basic IT and using Word, Excel, Teams and databases.
- Knowledge of the geographical area.
- Flexible.
- Good time management.
- Resilient.

Salary and Conditions of Service

Salary: £30,000 per annum.

Hours of Work: 40 hours per week.

Location: Ports and harbours throughout Northern Ireland, including, but not limited to Belfast, Larne, Foyle, Warrenpoint, Portavogie, as well as some working from home.

Leave Arrangements: 28 days per annum plus bank and statutory holidays.

Pension: Stella Maris operates a pension scheme (up to 6% matching contributions).

Full details, and terms and conditions of employment will be issued if an offer of employment is made.

Recruitment Process

If you would like to apply for this position, please send the following to recruitment@stellamarismail.org

- An up-to-date CV outlining your employment history, academic and professional qualifications, and contact details.
- A supporting statement (no more than 2 x A4 pages) demonstrating how you meet the criteria outlined in the person specification and why you are interested in becoming the Regional Port Chaplain for Northern Ireland.

Key Dates

Closing date for applications:	1200 hours on Monday 28 th October 2024
Short Listing:	Wednesday 30 th October 2024
Candidates notified of shortlisting results:	Friday 1 st November 2024
1 st Round of Interviews in Belfast:	Tuesday 5 th November 2024
2 nd Round of Interviews (if required):	Thursday 7 th November 2024 (via Zoom)
Candidates notified of outcome:	Friday 8 th November 2024

