

## **ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON CATHOLIC PORT CHAPLAIN, GALVESTON and TEXAS CITY**

### **Summary**

The Apostleship of the Sea, or Port Chaplaincy Ministry, is the work of the Catholic Church for the pastoral care of maritime people. The Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, which promotes and coordinates the pastoral care of various categories of 'people on the move.' The pastoral care and human promotion of all maritime personnel comprising the seafarers/fishers, land based small and traditional fishing communities, workers on oil rigs and platforms, pensioners, students of nautical institutes and port workers. This pastoral care also includes the spouses, children, and family of the seafarers/fishers and is extends its outreach to cruise ships and yachting owners, passengers and personnel onboard.

“The Apostleship of the Sea, like the shoot that is joined to the vine, participates in the mission of Jesus. That mission is to bring to all the Good News that ‘God is love’ and that every person is loved by God. Bearing in mind the words of John Paul II that, Love and welcome are the first and most effective forms of evangelization.” (*St. Pope John Paul II, Address to the XVI Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People: People on the Move, XXXVI (2004) no. 96*).

The Catholic Port Chaplain’s milieu is of listening, dialogue, solidarity, unity, and communication in a true and meaningful way while creating an atmosphere in which encounters are opportunities for exchange at a deep level and for listening to the Word. The Catholic Port Chaplain offers charity and advocacy to meet the spiritual needs of the People of the Sea, seeks to accompany People of the Sea at significant times of the year and at important events in their lives through the Word of God to discover the loving presence of God. The Port Chaplain continues the mission of Christ himself in the maritime world. Jesus cares for His seafarers through His Church and the Church, in turn, entrusts to the Port Chaplaincy Ministry the mission to offer pastoral care to all maritime personnel.

The Catholic Port Chaplain, Galveston and Texas City, is a fulltime, minimum of 40 hours per week, benefits eligible position. The Catholic Port Chaplain must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.

### **Education and Experience**

Minimum Degree in Theology, Catechetical Evangelization, MATS, MAPS or MDIV is required. No less than 5-10 years’ experience as a Catholic Lay Chaplain, in Maritime or Port Chaplain Ministry preferred. NACC certification or able to obtain it within 18 months, 4 units of CPE from an accredited ACPE Institution and completion of will attend the Houston Port Chaplaincy School required. Bilingual in any of the following is a plus: English-Spanish, English-Tagalog, English-Vietnamese, and English-French and must be an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. The Catholic Chaplain must have excellent communication skills, both oral and written, and be able to lead and speak to large groups. This position requires the ability to climb onto ships and must be willing to work weekends and some evenings.

Suitable candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and salary requirement\* via email to: [resume@archgh.org](mailto:resume@archgh.org) with Port Chaplain, Galveston and Texas City on the subject line.

\* Applicants who do not include salary requirement may not be considered.