



## AOS North America & Caribbean Regional Conference

Sheraton Fallsview Hotel and Conference Center  
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, May 11 – 14, 2010

### AGENDA

*This is the bi-annual regional meeting of the Apostleship of the Sea of North America and Caribbean. This being the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AOS and 2010 being declared the Year of the Seafarers, the conference will focus on our Charisms on Ministry all tied up to the new Encyclical from the Holy Father – ‘Caritas In Veritate’. An overview of the history of AOS and the maritime ministry in North America will also be presented as well as the many challenges we are facing. There will be National Meetings by AOS-USA and AOS-Canada. AOS-USA will hold its election of Officers and Administrative Board.*

Day One : Tuesday May 11, 2010

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:00 A.M.	Registration	Sheraton Conference Room
2:00 P.M.	Outline of Conference - Introduction of Dignitaries & Guests	Deacon Albert M. Dacanay AOS NAC Regional Coordinator
2:30 P.M.	Opening Prayer	Fr. Charles Moser – St. Catharines Diocese
2:45 P.M.	Introductory and Welcome Message from AOS-Canada	Bishop Robert Harris – AOS Canada Episcopal Promoter
3:15 P.M.	Message from the Pontifical Council – AOS International	Fr. Bruno Ciceri – International Director – AOS
3:45 P.M.	Break	
4:00 P.M.	Regional Report / AOS Canada	Deacon Albert Dacanay AOS NAC Regional Coordinator
4:30 P.M.	Session One : Charisms on Ministry	Deacon George Newman / Bill McInerney
5:30 P.M.	Evening Prayer – Liturgy of the Hours	Deacon Michael Ho
6:00 P.M.	Dinner (on your own)	Sheraton Stanley Hall
7:00 P.M.	Hospitality Room is open for all (7:30-11:00)	Hennepin North

Day Two : Wednesday May 12, 2010

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
7:00 A.M.	Breakfast (available 6:00-9:00 AM)	Sheraton Stanley Hall



8:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer – Liturgy of the Hours	Deacon Bob Freill
8:30 A.M.	Session Two: Charisms on Ministry	Deacon George Newman / Bill McInerney – St. Catharines Diocese
10:00 A.M.	Break	
10:15 A.M.	Session Three: Charisms on Ministry	Deacon George Newman / Bill McInerney – St. Catharines Diocese
11:00 A.M.	Mass – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel	Bishop Robert Harris – AOS Canada Episcopal Promoter
12:00 P.M.	Group Picture Taking	
12:15 P.M.	Lunch	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Banquet Hall
1:30 P.M.	History of AOS / Maritime Ministry in North America and Caribbean	Fr. Rivers Patout – Houston Chaplaincy School
2:15 P.M.	Cruise Ship Priests Program	Fr. Sinclair Oubre – President AOS-USA
2:45 P.M.	Port Ministry –Pastoral Care with culturally diverse groups.	Sr. Myrna Tordillo – National Director, AOS-USA
3:30 P.M.	Explore Niagara Falls on board Maid of the Mist – Sponsored by AOS Canada	
6:00 P.M.	Dinner (on your own)	
7:00 P.M.	Hospitality Room is open for all (7:30-11:00)	Hennepin North

**Day Three : Thursday May 13, 2010**

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
7:00 A.M.	Breakfast (available 6:00-9:00 AM)	Sheraton Stanley Hall
8:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer – Liturgy of the Hours	Deacon Gerry Guinto
8:30 A.M.	Life of a Seafarer	Mr. Everest D'Souza – Seafarer
9:00 A.M.	Challenges on the life of the Seafarers - Wife and Family	Angelita Francisco- Pajaron Ph.D in Development Education
10:00 A.M.	Break	
10:15 A.M.	'Caritas In Veritate' – Basic Principles of Formation as Catholics / Personal Conversion I	Bishop John Boissonneau – Archdiocese of Toronto
11:15 A.M.	Mass – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel	Bishop John Boissonneau – Archdiocese of Toronto
12:30 P.M.	Lunch	Sheraton Stanley Hall



1:30 P.M.	Challenges Facing AOS Ministry: Port Health – Infectious Disease Prevention	Dr. Carol Encarnacion
2:30 P.M.	Challenges Facing AOS Ministry: Ecumenism & Inter Faith Issues	Bishop Terry Finlay – MTS Promoter – North America
3:30 P.M.	Break	
3:45 P.M.	Breakout Session: AOS USA will stay in Main Conference Room for Election of Officers;	
3:45 P.M.	Breakout Session: AOS Canada and Caribbean will move to Breakout Room for meeting and sharing on the ministry work	
6:30 P.M.	Reception	Hennepin Ball Room
7:30 P.M.	Business Casual Dinner – Banquet Hall Sponsored by Mission to Seafarers Toronto through the generosity of Fr. Ed Jackman of the Jackman Foundation (Board Member of MTS-Toronto)	Hennepin Ball Room

Day Four : Friday May 14, 2010

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
7:00 A.M.	Breakfast (available 6:00-9:00 AM)	Sheraton Stanley Hall
8:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer – Liturgy of the Hours	Deacon Derek Skelton
8:30 P.M.	Challenges Facing AOS Ministry: Training	Deacon Reggie Seymour – Port Chaplain, New Orleans
9:00 A.M.	Challenges Facing AOS Ministry: Various Issues	Fr. Andrew Thavarajasingam & AOS Montreal Volunteers
9:30 A.M.	Charisms on Ministry Summary	Deacon George Newman / Bill McInerney – St. Catharines Diocese
10:15 A.M.	Break	
10:30 A.M.	Response from Participants/Guests	
10:45 A.M.	Summary & Conclusion	Deacon Albert M. Dacanay – Regional Coordinator
11:00 A.M.	Mass	Fr. Bruno Ciceri – AOS International Director
12:00 P.M.	Adjournment of Meeting	
1:30 P.M.	Tour of Welland Canal (locks) for those staying – Please indicate upon registration.	

*\* Priests and Deacons are encouraged to concelebrate and should bring their albs and AOS or any white) stoles.*