

CODE OF ETHICS

Those called to Maritime Ministry share a conviction and commitment to minister to the pastoral care of the People of the Sea in the name of the Roman Catholic Church. This ministry is characterized by basic respect for the worth and dignity of all persons and is concerned with a deep sense of social justice. The acceptance and maintenance of high moral standards of professional competence and moral conduct is the responsibility of all members of the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America (AOSUSA).

1. AOSUSA members, without compromising their own beliefs, will deal with others in a way that respects the confidence of the relationship they serve.
2. AOSUSA members will respect the confidentiality in view of the relationships that they have with the persons they serve.
3. AOSUSA members will approach the religions and cultures of the people of the sea with respect and sensitivity and avoid imposing their own religious and cultural convictions on them.
4. AOSUSA members will practice an interdisciplinary and inter-religious approach to Maritime Ministry.
5. AOSUSA members shall not discriminate against persons in regard to race, creed, age, sex, or physical ability.

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