

Press Release

The Apostleship of the Sea



AoS appoints new National Director

Eamonn Delaney, Chairman of the Trustees of Apostleship of the Sea, is delighted to announce the appointment of Martin Foley as the charity's new National Director.

Martin joins from the charity LIFE where he was Chief Executive since 2005 and takes up his post on 1st June. Following his education at Bishop Walsh RC School, Martin went on to read law at Manchester University, returning there after some years to complete an MA in Health Care, Ethics and Law. He practiced as a solicitor before joining the House of Parliament as Clerk to the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group and Personal Assistant to Lord Alton.

Mr Delaney continued, "AoS will benefit from the depth of experience Martin has gained in his career so far. He brings fresh ideas and a deep understanding of our aspirations for AoS in the future. The esprit de corps in the organization is excellent, and Martin can only enhance that. On behalf of the Trustees I extend a warm welcome to him".

Martin also serves as Chairman of Governors at St Patrick's RC School in Leamington Spa, is a Member of the Bishops' Conference Bioethics Committee for England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and is also a Member of the Ethics Advisory Committee for Banner Ethical Investment Company.

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Further information for Editors

The Apostleship of the Sea, AOS, is a maritime welfare charity, providing practical and pastoral support to seafarers, regardless of race, colour or creed (if any).

Ninety percent of world trade is carried by ship, and some 100,000 seafarers visit British ports each year. They are commonly away from home for nine to 12 months at a time, suffering loneliness, depression and even exploitation. They also have to work in gruelling and often dangerous conditions. AOS chaplains and ship visitors welcome seafarers to our shores. They recognise them as brothers with an intrinsic human dignity which can be overlooked in the modern globalised maritime industry. For more information visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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