



STELLA MARIS AND FRIENDS PROJECT

*We don't just give
boats -
We try to help develop
people and
Community*



This project of providing boats for the
fishermen
who suffered from calamities,
to restore their livelihood and dignity is
named

Stella Maris and Friends

is in honor of our Blessed Mother
under the title - "Star of the Sea."

Stella = Star Maris = of the Sea

Of course, we are her Children and Friends -
People with a Christian spirit of concern and caring:
Benefactors as well as Beneficiaries

We all seek Mary's guiding light to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

just as the fishermen look
to the Star of the Sea
for guidance and direction

Stella Maris, Pray for us,
your Children and Friends.

Guide us to your Son, the
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.



NATURE AND AIMS:

The Stella Maris and Friends is a Rehabilitation Project by the Archdiocesan Shrine of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus with the following aims:

- * To provide fishing boats for fishermen, especially those, whose boats have been destroyed or incapacitated by calamities, to enable them to fish again.
- * By providing boats larger than the small single family boats, we will introduce to them the concept of 2 or 3 families working together – to foster the *Bayanihan* and community spirit.
- * By providing larger boats will also enable the fishermen to go farther out into the sea to catch more and better fish, And provide more security.
- * To help restore human dignity and help develop people and community through formation sessions.

PROCESS

The Stella Maris and Friends Project has designed a process and mechanism to insure the success of the project and its sustainability.

*** Screening of Beneficiaries**

With the cooperation of the local Parish Priest, and leaders of local fishermen association, a careful selection of clusters of two or three beneficiaries is conducted. This includes personal visitations of homes by Stella Maris and Friends volunteers.

*** Memo of Agreement**

When a cluster of two or three families qualify as a unit for beneficiary, they sign an agreement with the Stella Maris and Friends representative, which states the following:

- a. They agree to provide “sweat equity” into the manufacture of the boat, which means that they have to contribute some of their time – be it to help in carpentry or painting – towards the making of the boat. They would offer “Thanksgiving Love-token” weekly from their catch to the Stella Maris and Friends to help others.. Or, if agreed upon, to give weekly or monthly installment to eventually acquire full ownership of the boat.
- b. They understand that the boat is solely endorsed to them for livelihood. Thus, the boats cannot be leased out on long term basis or be sold. And if incapacitated

or partners disband, the Stella Maris and Friends reserves the right to buy back the boat and turn it over to those who may deserve it more.

c. Costs of repair on the boat are on the account of the beneficiaries.

* **Accountability and Monitoring**

The Stella Maris and Friends through the Parish Priest and, or local officials, designed a monitoring system wherein the fishermen beneficiaries report on the daily catch (revenue vs expense). These in turn are reported to the boat's donor on a regular basis.

Stella Maris and Friends assigns a Project Monitor for each cluster of beneficiaries.

* **Cost of Boat**

The cost of a 25 ft. long motorized boat is P35,000 – including engine and fiberglass coating, and administrative expenses..

* **Education**

The fishermen are guided on the responsibilities toward nature, especially the sea. Destructive illegal fishing should not be permitted. They will be assisted with a program of human and spiritual growth, as well as community development.

* **In Case of Non-Compliance**

In case the beneficiaries cannot cooperate and work together, or in case of serious violation to the terms of MOA, the Stella Maris and Friends reserves the right to reclaim the boat and award it to more deserving parties.



**Stella Maris
and Friends,
Sacred Heart
Parish**

The Stella Maris and Friends adopted this picture as their **Logo**:

In the picture we see a group of **fishermen hauling fish** with their net, some try to escape.

Behind the fishermen, the one actually doing the catching is the **shadowy figure of Christ**.

Can we identify ourselves with the fishermen - as formators and parish leaders and helpers, or as the fish? Do we stay within the net or we trying to escape?

**Christ is the Fisherman.
We are privileged to share in his mission.**

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