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Prot. N. 221/06/L

Vatican City, 21 March 2006

Your Excellency,

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments is pleased to forward to you the Decree permitting the use of the Latin and English text for the Mass *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea* which is already approved for the Military Ordinariate of England and Wales and the Apostleship of the Sea in the same country.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

( + Albert Malcolm Ranjith )  
Archbishop Secretary

Enclosures

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His Excellency  
The Most Rev. CURTIS J. GULLORY, S.V.D., D.D.  
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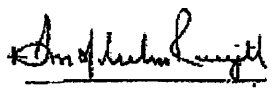
Instante Excellentissimo Domino Curtis J. Guillory, Episcopo Bellomontensi, Promotore Apostolatus Maris apud Conferentiam Episcoporum Civitatum Foederatarum Americae, literis die 7 februarii 2006 datis, vigore facultatum huic Congregationi a Summo Pontifice BENEDICTO XVI tributarum, perlibenter concedimus ut *textus latinus et anglicus* Missae et Lectionarii in honorem Beatae Mariae Virginis, v.d. "*The Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea*", qui per Ordinariatu Militari Magnae Britanniae: Apostolatus Maris, confirmatus est (die 4 iunii 2005, Prot. N. 229/03/L), adhiberi valeat.

In textu imprimendo inseratur ex integro hoc Decretum, quo ab Apostolica Sede petita confirmatio conceditur. Eiusdem textus impressi duo exemplaria ad hanc Congregationem transmittantur.

Contrariis quibuslibet minime obstantibus.

Ex aedibus Congregationis de Cultu Divino et Disciplina Sacramentorum, die 21 martii 2006.

  
( + Franciscus Card. Arinze )  
Praefectus

  
( + Albertus Malcolm Ranjith )  
Archiepiscopus a Secretis

## MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, *STELLA MARIS*

### Entry Antiphon

A great portent appeared in heaven:  
a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet,  
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

(Apocalypse 12,1)

### Opening Prayer

Lord God, redeemer and inspiration of souls,  
in the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea,  
you have provided a light in the storm.  
By her favor and prayer,  
grant that we may set a course through these times  
to reach our safe haven in heaven with you.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

### Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading Wisdom 14:1-7

*"You have established a steady path through the waves".*

Again, one preparing for a voyage and about to traverse the wild waves cries out to wood more unsound than the boat that bears him. For the urge for profits devised this latter, and Wisdom the artificer produced it. But your providence, O Father! guides it, for you have furnished even in the sea a road, and through the waves a steady path, showing that you can save from any danger, so that even one without skill may embark. But you will that the products of your Wisdom be not idle; therefore men trust their lives even to frailest wood, and have been safe crossing the surge on a raft. For of old, when the proud giants were being destroyed, the hope of the universe, who took refuge on a raft, left to the world a future for his race, under the guidance of your hand. For blest is the wood through which justice comes about;

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 106, 2-3; 4-5; 6-7; 8-9.

R/. Trust in the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.

Who can tell the mighty deeds of the LORD,  
proclaim in full God's praise?  
Happy those who do what is right,  
whose deeds are always just.

R/. Trust in the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.

Remember me, LORD, as you favor your people;  
come to me with your saving help,  
That I may see the prosperity of your chosen,  
rejoice in the joy of your people, and glory with your heritage.

R/. Trust in the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.

We have sinned like our ancestors; we have done wrong and are guilty.  
Our ancestors in Egypt did not attend to your wonders.  
They did not remember your great love;  
they defied the Most High at the Red Sea.

R/. Trust in the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.

Yet he saved them for his name's sake to make his power known.  
He roared at the Red Sea and it dried up.  
He led them through the deep as through a desert.

R/. Trust in the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.

**Alleluia**

Numbers 24, 17

A star shall come out of Jacob,  
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.

## Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

*"You have established a steady path through the waves".*

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

### Prayer over the gifts

Accept, Lord, these gifts which we offer.  
As we honor the Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea,  
grant us the never-failing light  
of the word and example of your only Son  
to guide our steps.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Preface

Father in heaven, almighty and eternal God,  
it is our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Salvation is in his name alone.  
Before his rule every knee shall bow,  
in heaven, on earth and under the earth.

In your kind providence  
you have established that the name of the Virgin Mary  
should be celebrated among the faithful,  
to look to her as a star shining in the firmament,  
to call upon her in danger,  
and to fly to her embrace in their needs.

And so we join the angels and saints  
in proclaiming your glory as we say:

### **Communion antiphon**

We saw his star rising in the East,  
and we have come to pay homage to the Lord.

(cf Matthew 2,2)

### **Closing Prayer**

You have nourished us, Lord, with this sacred banquet  
as we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of the Sea.  
With the light of Mary to guide us,  
may we come to enjoy the splendor of your only Son.  
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen.