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Yours sincerely,

Dear David,

I am the current Chair of the National Committee of Stella Maris Australia (SMA), and I am very much aware that your organisation has and continues to support Stella Maris, particularly in relation to the National Office and the National Director, Ms Roslyn Rajasingam.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the lateness of this letter, but my personal circumstances recently have limited my follow up to a range of correspondence.

Secondly, on behalf of the National Committee, I wish to congratulate you on your appointment as Chair of the Australian Mariners' Welfare Society. I am relatively new to the work of the various agencies that support seafarers nationally and internationally but at my first meeting of the National Committee of SMA, your predecessor, Alan Tait, spoke of the support AMWS provides to seafarers and to the respective organisations that support them in their crucial work.

I was again made aware of the quality of this support when you spoke at the recent Mission to Seafarers biennial conference and I recall that I commented, at that time, as to what an outstanding organisation AMWS is.

The main purpose of my letter is to acknowledge and sincerely thank you and your board for the communications of the 21 August.

The commitment of AMWS to continue to support the National Office of SMA, to the amount of \$27,000, is greatly appreciated. In fact, this support, in these difficult times, ensures that the National Office can continue to support the various Stella Maris Centres and Chaplains who are currently working in very trying circumstances.

Your second letter of that date, outlining a grant of \$18,000, is a further indication of the importance of your organisation's work. It will be a particular bonus for the centres and chaplaincies that are finding the financial impact of the Covid 19 virus on their ability to adequately support seafarers to be severe. Covid 19 has had a particularly devastating impact on the smaller Stella Maris centres and chaplaincies, including those that are largely run by volunteers.

Ros Rajasingam will detail to you the allocation of those funds to the various centres.

In closing, can I again acknowledge and thank AMWS for the generous support provided to SMA.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Collins', written in a cursive style.

Mr Ray Collins
Chair,
National Committee
Apostleship of the Sea, Australia