

Fondazione Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice – Malta

Annual Report 2015

The Foundation of religion and worship “Centesimus Annus – Pro Pontifice” is based in the State of Vatican City and governed by the Church’s Canon Law and the Civil Law of the State of Vatican City, as well as by its By-Laws.

Article 3 of the By-Laws, having stated that the Foundation’s specific purpose is to collaborate towards the diffusion of human, ethical, social and Christian values, which are described in particular in the Encyclical “Centesimus Annus”, indicates the following goals:

- **promoting informed knowledge of the social teachings of the Church** and of the activity of the Holy See among qualified and socially motivated business and professional leaders;
- **promoting initiatives aimed at expanding the Church’s effective role in all sectors of contemporary society;**
- **promoting fund raising activities** to help support the activity of the Apostolic See.

A Malta Group of the Foundation was set up in November 2008. Since then it has attracted 17 members who are also members of CAPPF Vatican and another 38 followers who meet regularly and who participate in the various activities. Mgr. Joe Galea Curmi is the Spiritual Director of CAPPF Malta. The Chapter collaborates with the Pastoral Formation Institute and DISCERN on ideas formation as well as on activities. Rev. Father Mark Sultana attends regularly our meetings and events.

Mr. Joseph F.X. Zahra was appointed a Council Member of the Foundation in the Vatican in February 2009. He resigned from the Council in November 2015 and Dr Lawrence Gonzi was unanimously nominated to the council during the same meeting.

Mr Joseph F X Zahra is now a member of the Advisory board while Professor Josef Bonnici sits on the Scientific Committee of the Foundation.

It has also been an honour for CAPP Malta that Mgr. Joe Galea Curmi has been appointed Vicar General in the Archdiocese of Malta.

A coordinating committee was set up in 2015 to plan, direct and monitor CAPPF activities in Malta. The Committee is composed of Joseph F X Zahra, Lawrence Gonzi, Mark Demicoli, Mario Galea, Joe Borg, Paul Testaferrata Moroni Viani and Sue Vella.

Officials from CAPPF Vatican visited Malta and had meetings with the Church Authorities in Malta on three occasions since 2008.

Meanwhile Rev. Fr Paul Pace sj., a close collaborator to the Malta Group, has been appointed member of the Jury for the “Economy and Society” bi - annual award for publications on Catholic Social Thinking organised by CAPPF. The Award is presided by Cardinal Marx, Coordinator of the Council for the Economy at the Holy See.

These were the activities of the Malta Group of CAPPF during 2015.

16th February – a visit to Nunzio Mgr Cavalli at Tal Virtu.

3rd March - Meeting with newly appointed Archbishop of Malta, Mgr. Charles Scicluna. The meeting was held at the Curia in Floriana.

17th March - Lenten talk and Holy Mass at the Chapel of the Annunciation in Balzan. The talks were delivered by Mgr. Joe Galea Curmi.

8th April - Workshop “The Future of Jobs and the Informal Economy”. The discussion which was held at Misco was in preparation for a paper on the topic of jobs and the informal economy which was CAPP Malta’s contribution to the May convention in Rome.

16th April - One Hour of Reflection at Mount Saint Joseph with Fr Joe Galea Curmi.

25 – 27th May - International Conference *Rethinking Key Features of Economic and Social Life* - Vatican.

3rd June - Seminar on the CAPPF 2015 Statement *A reformed Market Economy: Entrepreneurship for Development*. This was held at the Seminary at tal Virtu.

15th June - One Hour of Reflection at Mount Saint Joseph at 18.00 led by Fr Mark Sultana.

20th July - One Hour of Reflection at Mount Saint Joseph at 18.00 led by Fr Paul Pace.

1 and 2nd October - Visit of FCAPP General Secretary Dr Eutimio Tiliacos and meeting over dinner with members.

11th December - End of year Holy Mass at St Anne’s Chapel in St Elmo Valletta and dinner at Chez Philippe in Gzira.

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