

Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation - CAPPF MALTA

Annual Report 2012

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 13 members who are also members of CAPPF Vatican and another 7 members who meet regularly and who participate in the various activities. Rev. Father Joe Gale 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.

Officials from CAPPF Vatican visited Malta and had meetings with the Church Authorities in Malta twice since 2008. These meetings were held with the Archbishop of Malta H G Mgr P Cremona and with the Apostolic Nuncio of Malta H E Mgr T Caputo.

Events held during 2012:

On the 10th January 2012, CAPPF Malta launched a thirteen programme series on the Church radio station RTK on “Socjeta, Ekonomija u Etika”, which was produced and conducted by Joe Borg assisted by Mario P. Galea.

On the 13th January 2012, CAPPF Malta hosted the Jesuits Provincial Rev. Fr Paul Pace to dinner at the Trattoria AD 1530 in Mdina.

On the 20th January 2012, CAPPF Malta members met H G the Archbishop Mgr P Cremona at his residence in Attard to present the CAPPF Malta Annual Report 2011.

On the 24th January 2012, CAPPF Malta and DISCERN organized a Roundtable Conference at Palazzo de Piro on the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace document “Towards a New International Monetary Order”. Four prominent economists presented their Papers during the Conference which were then published in a book in October 2012.

On the 15th February 2012, CAPPF Malta members participated in a Breakfast Meeting at Palazzo de Piro to contribute towards a study led by CONVERSE on the kind of Society we would like to live in. A document comprising the views of a wide array of stakeholders who participated in this study was published in October 2012.

On the 16th March 2012, a Lenten Talk was held in the Annunciation Chapel (the Old Parish Church of Balzan) by Rev Fr Joe Galea Curmi, for CAPPF Malta members.

Between the 4th and 5th May 2012, 4 members of CAPPF Malta attended the CAPPF Annual Convention held in Milan with the title “Institutions, Society and Markets – Towards a New International Equilibrium.”

On the 4th June 2012, Professor Andrew Abela of the Catholic University of Washington gave a public lecture on “What’s Wrong with Business Ethics? Can Catholic Morality help?” at the Aula Magna of the University of Malta which was attended by the MA Business Ethics students and CAPPF Malta members. This was followed by a dinner at the Trattoria AD 1530 in Mdina.

Between the 15th and 17th November 2012, the CAPPF Vatican board meeting was held in Malta. HE Domenic Cardinal Calcagno and his secretary Mgr Falchetto as well as CAPPF board members with their spouses visited Malta and participated in a programme entitled “Retracing the Steps of St Paul”. They visited various sites connected with St Paul’s visit to Malta. They met the President of Malta, The Archbishop of Malta, the Bishop of Gozo, the newly appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Malta and other dignitaries. CAPPF Malta members attended all activities. On Saturday 17th November, Rev Professor E Agius was invited to address all members on his experience as a member of the European Union Ethics Committee at the Atrium of the Xara Palace Hotel in Mdina where the guests were residing.

On the 7th December 2012, CAPPF Malta held its annual Thanksgiving Mass at the Annunciation Chapel in Balzan. Dinner followed at Fra Giuseppe wine bar also in Balzan.

Meetings amongst members to plan and organize these events were held on the 23rd March and 25th September 2012.