

Fondazione Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice – Malta

Annual Report 2014

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 15 members who are also members of CAPPF Vatican and another 23 followers who meet regularly and who participate in the various activities. Rev. Father 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.

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

Meanwhile Rev. Fr Paul Pace sj. a close collaborator with 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 2014.

28th January 2014 – Meeting with the Archbishop of Malta, HG Paul Cremona at his residence in Attard

6th February 2014- Meeting with the Apostolic Nuncio Mgr Aldo Cavalli at his residence at Tal- Virtu'

27th February 2014 – Meeting with the Auxiliary Bishop of Malta, HL Charles Scicluna on issues related to Maltese society and economy at Misco

20th January – 7th April 2014 – Course on Cultivating Ethical Culture in Business Leadership, with 18 participants at Misco

10th April 2014 – Lenten Talk led by Fr Joe Galea Curmi held at the Old Parish Church of Balzan

22nd April 2014 – Seminar at the Seminary Tal- Virtu, on “L- Isfidi tad- Dinja tal- Lum”, the social and economic aspects of “Evangelii Gaudium” with the participation of Fr Paul Pace sj., Mr Michael Bonello, Former Governor of the Central Bank of Malta, Dr Sue Vella, lecturer in public policy and presided by the Archbishop of Malta, HG Paul Cremona

8th – 11th May 2014 – Annual International Convention in Rome on “The Good Society and Future of Jobs: can solidarity and fraternity be part of business decisions?” with the keynote speech given by former Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi. The Maltese delegation this time counted thirteen in all including spouses.

26th May 2014 – One Hour of Reflection led by Fr Mark Sultana held at Mount St Joseph, Mosta

31st May 2014 – Gozo Seminar on “Evangelii Gaudium” at the Bishop’s Palace, presided by HE Bishop Mario Grech

25th – 27th September 2014 – Annual Convention organised by CAPPF USA in New York, with the attendance of two Maltese members

1st October 2014 – Opening of Master in Business Ethics course at the University of Malta supported by the Malta Group of the CAPPF

17th October – 15th November 2014 – Course on “The Call to Public Life” held at the Catholic Institute, Floriana with the participation of President Emeritus Dr George Abela, Former Prime Minister, Hon Lawrence Gonzi, Dr Adrian Pabst, Lord Maurice Glasman as well as other personalities

21st October 2014 – One Hour of Reflection led by Fr Paul Pace sj. at Mount St Joseph, Mosta

24- 25th October 2014 – Roundtable in Dublin on reforms in Finance organised by CAPPF, with the participation of Professor Josef Bonnici, Governor of the Central Bank of Malta

15th December 2014 – End of Year Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Joe Galea Curmi and Fr Mark Sultana at the chapel of the Sagramentini in Valletta, followed by dinner at Rubino.

The Malta Group will be meeting on the 27th January 2015 to agree on the plan of activities for the first half of the year.

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