

Fondazione Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice – Malta

Annual Report 2013

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 14 members who are also members of CAPPF Vatican and another 11 members 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. 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.

Encounter with Students of M A in Business Ethics – 6th February 2013

The Malta Group’s first event in 2013 was an encounter between CAPPF Malta members and the final students of the Masters in Arts in Business Ethics. The purpose of this meeting was to encourage dialogue with these students while they are well advanced writing their thesis. The Foundation is a co-founder of this course and it is a major contributor by providing lecturers and supporting its promotion.

Meeting with Bishop Mgr Charles Scicluna – 20th February 2013

This meeting gave us the opportunity to share our ideas, concerns and hope on the social and economic situation in Malta. Our member and former Governor of the Central Bank of Malta, Mr Michael Bonello, prepared a background note for the meeting. The main item on our agenda is the values of Maltese citizens and the challenges that the Church is facing in being a protagonist in a regenerative process that will lead us to a better society.

Lenten Talk on “Living Faith in Public Life” – 15th March 2013

Our Lenten Talk was delivered by Rev Fr Joe Galea Curmi on the theme “Living Faith in Public Life”. This was held at the old Parish Church of the Annunciation in Balzan.

Commemorative Seminar on “Pacem in Terris” – 18th April 2013

A Seminar organised in collaboration with the Pastoral Formation Institute under the patronage of Archbishop Mgr Paul Cremona at Palazzo de Piro to commemorate the 50 years of the encyclical “Pacem in Terris”. The speakers included the Jesuits provincial in Malta Rev Fr Paul Pace s.j., the theologian Dr Nadia Delicata, the journalist Laurence Grech, the economist Professor Salvino Busuttil and the social worker Dr Katrin Camilleri. The papers are being published both in the Maltese and English language.

Seminar on “Pacem in Terris” in Gozo – 11th May 2013

Another Seminar on “Pacem in Terris” has been held at the Main Hall of the Curia in Gozo under the auspices of the Bishop of Gozo Mgr Mario Grech. The speakers included Rev Fr George Frendo, Dr Nadia Delicata and Dr Austin Bencini. The meeting was chaired by Joseph Borg.

Work on the Certificate for Higher Education in Leadership and Business Ethics

Meetings are being held regularly with the Pastoral Foundation Institute on the design of this course on Leadership in Business Ethics aimed at senior managers and executives. Our intention is to launch this course in January 2014. A number of our members will lecture in this course.

CAPPF International Convention “Rethinking Solidarity for Employment: The Challenges of the Twenty-First Century” – 23-25 May 2013

A number of Maltese members have attended this conference at Palazzo della Cancelleria in Rome and the private audience with H H Pope Francis on Saturday 25th May at Sala Clementina at the Vatican.

Attendance in Seminar on “Business Ethics” organised by the Faculty of Theology in collaboration with the Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy of the University of Malta on the 12th June 2013

This seminar was addressed by the post graduate students who are now preparing their thesis in the MA Business Ethics course which CAPPF Malta is supporting, besides being one of its Founders.

Talk by Former Prime Minister Dr Lawrence Gonzi on “The Challenges of a Catholic Politician” held at Misco, on the 23rd September 2013

A number of members with the spouses attended this excellent speech by Dr Gonzi on his first hand experience in party politics and government as a Catholic politician – the dilemmas he faced on delicate moral issues and his stand on these matters.

An Hour of Reflection – 17th October 2013-10-18

Rev Fr Joe Galea Curmi led an hour of reflection in the Chapel of the Jesuits’ Mount St Joseph retreat house on the parable in Luke 19 of the Wealthy Man and Lazarus. A number of members and their spouses attended this meeting.

The End of Year Mass at the Benedittini in Mdina on the 6th December 2013, followed by dinner at the AD 5035 Taverna in Mdina.

Preparations are in hand for the launch of a certificate course entitled **“Cultivating Ethical Culture in Business Leadership”** meant to start in January 2014.

The events for 2014 include :

Courtesy meeting with Nuncio Arch. Mgr Aldo Cavalli on the 6th February at 11.00 hours at the Nunciature, Tal- Virtu’.

One Hour of Reflection – led by Fr Mark Sultana – (Spouses are also invited) on the 26th February at 18.00 hours at Mount St Joseph.

Dialogue Meeting with Bishop Scicluna on socio-economic matters in Malta on Thursday 27th February at 18.30 hours at Misco.

Lenten Talk – (title still to be decided) (spouses are invited) led by Fr Joe Galea Curmi – on the 10th April at 19.00 hours at the Old Parish of Annunciation in Balzan.

“Cultivating Ethical Culture in Business Leadership” course starting on the 20th January.

Other events coming up – Meeting with Archbishop Cremona and Seminar on “Evangelii Gaudium” – dates still not confirmed.