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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings one and all.

Blessings of the Lord.

Thank God and the Virgin Mary. We had no cases of the pandemic in Melbourne for over a month. It is a sign of relief, so we can breathe easy and we can continue where we left off before the Covid – 19 started.

The Supreme Council and I feel and pray for our members to stay safe and for the pandemic to finish its course, so the world can move on from these terrible times.

Here in Melbourne, the Supreme Council met on Monday 16 November, 2020 for the first time since the pandemic started. The meeting was mainly to see each other again because for the time being, it is hard to plan anything for the near future.

We keep praying that things will get better, so we can resume our fund raising activities.

On a better note the former bishop of Gozo Mons. Mario Grech, which some of us had the opportunity to meet in June 2017, was elevated to cardinal on Saturday 28 November in a ceremony at St. Peter's basilica in Rome.

God bless you.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli
Grand Master



CARDINAL HIS EMINENCE MARIO GRECH



Cardinal Mario Grech, Bishop emeritus of Gozo, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops, was born in Qala, Malta, in the Diocese of Gozo on 20 February 1957.

He completed his primary and secondary studies at the Victoria Lyceum in Gozo, and studied philosophy and theology in the seminary of Gozo.

Following priestly ordination on 26 May 1984, he pursued higher studies in Rome, obtaining a licentiate *in Utroque Jure* at the Pontifical Lateran University and a doctorate in canon law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum).

Upon return to his home country, he exercised his ministry at the Cathedral of Gozo, at the national shrine of Tá-Pinu and served as pastor in the parish of Kercem. He held the offices of Judicial Vicar of the Diocese, member of the metropolitan tribunal of Malta, teacher of canon law in the seminary and member of the College of Consultors, the Presbyteral Council and other diocesan commissions.

On 26 November 2005 Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as Bishop of Gozo, where he served until 2 October 2019, when he was appointed by Pope Francis as pro-Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops.

On 15 September 2020 he was appointed as Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops.

Created and proclaimed Cardinal by Pope Francis in the consistory of 28 November 2020, of the Deaconry of *Santi Cosma e Damiano*.

Watch the ceremonial video of the consistory www.facebook.com/watch/?v=143803697484216



His Eminence Cardinal Mario Grech with His Holiness Pope Francis PAPAL AUDIENCE IN 2022

The Confraternity should plan a private audience with His Holiness Pope Francis and His Eminence Cardinal Mario Grech in the summer of 2022.

Your ideas will be very much appreciated.

St. Peter and St. Paul on the Cardinal rings



It is very interesting to know that the images of St. Peter and St. Paul are on the rings of the Cardinals.

Chevalier Fr. Frank Buhagiar

Chaplain of the Confraternity in Melbourne

This week Fr. Frank Buhagiar is celebrating his 49th Anniversary of his Priesthood at St. Nicholas Church Siggiewi, Malta.

Archbishop Gonzi ordained him on behalf of Cardinal Knox, Archbishop of Melbourne. He was Incardinated in Melbourne in Feb. 1969. He did 4 years at the Seminary in Malta and 4 years Seminary at Glen Waverly in Melbourne.

We remember Fr. Frank in our prayers.

Blessings of the Lord.

Ad Multos Annos Chevalier Fr. Frank Buhagiar



Watch a video about the celebration of the feast of the Patrons of Rome St. Peter and St. Paul

Click on the link.

[Celebrating the Patron Saints of Rome: Sts. Peter & Paul - EWTN Vaticano - YouTube](#)

Chapter of Argentina

Chevalier Deacon Ricardo Dib
Prior



Dear Grand Master,

Argentina is experiencing a certainly high pandemic in terms of infected and deceased (see respective order of world rating), but highly exploited by the political power of the day that has even used the death of a well-known world athlete, to obviate the sanitary prudence, social distancing, the use of chin straps and even almost "the invasion and quasi looting" of the Government House with the president and the deceased in full wake.

2020 is a sad year, but equally grateful to God for granting it to us.

There was little and no activity except the pastoral, which is only mine.

In the hopeful joy of Advent that we have begun today, we pray to the Lord of all good to protect and remove from the world community this difficult trial and make it capable of realizing its human errors and trying to be more just.

With sincere affection for Saint Andrew the Apostle, whose liturgical feast we celebrate, I greet him very affectionately in our patrons Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

Deacon Ricardo Dib

Diocese of Zárate-Campana and the Eparchy of San Charbel in Buenos Aires de los Maronitas
Argentinian republic

Following the journey St. Paul in Malta

By Dr. Constantine Campbell.

Watch video here: [The Last Years Of Paul's Ministry: In Pursuit of Paul: The Apostle | Episode 6 - YouTube](#)



Dr. Constantine Campbell

This is all I have for you this month.

The next edition of the Confraternity news, will be dedicated to the festive season of the birth of Jesus.

If you wish to send your Christmas greetings, it will be posted on the newsletter.

God bless you in St. Peter and St. Paul.

With every good wish.



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