

Confraternitas

Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul



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In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen

Grand Master's Message

Dear Confreres and Friends of the Confraternity.

Blessing of the Lord Jesus.

I hope that you are well. At the same time, we pray for those who need our prayers.

The month of July was rather a quiet one after the celebration of the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Although I had a much-needed holiday in Malta and France, planning meetings doesn't stop.

In July, I had a meeting with Dame Frances Arpa of the Sovereign Order of St. John mainly to talk about her late father, Chevalier Baron Michael Vella Haber, who hailed from Nadur.

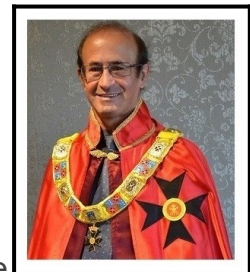
Dame Frances presented a book about the work of her father during the years as a Grand Prior International of the SOSJ, poet, writer and activist.

I also had the pleasure of having a meeting with the Bishop of Gozo, His Excellency Monsignor Anton Teuma at the Gozo Curia.

The work in the Confraternity has no limits. In the coming months, we need to attend to the needs of those who are less fortunate than us, the poor and the sick. In doing this, we need to show them the love of God.

In his meeting with the Order of St. John "SMOM" His Holiness Pope Leo reminded us not to limit ourselves to help the needs of the poor, but announce to them the love of God with words and testimony. If this were to be lacking, the order would lose its religious character and would be reduced to being an organization with philanthropic purposes.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God"



Passing of Fr. Emmanuel Bonello

Melbourne, Australia.

Fr. Emmanuel Bonello suddenly passed away in Melbourne where he served for many years.

Fr Manny was ordained a priest on the 25 June 1983 at the Cathedral of the Assumption in Gozo, Malta and incardinated into the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2008.

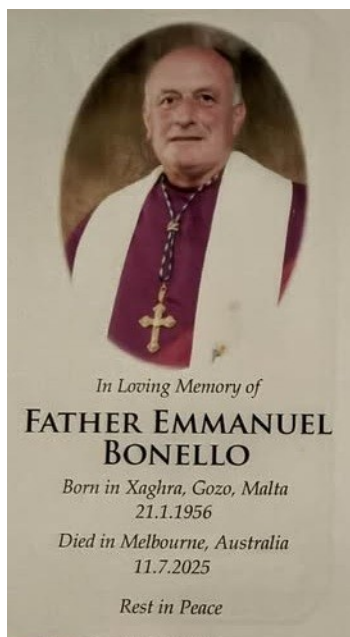
After his ordination, Fr Manny was appointed as the Assistant Priest at Flemington Parish, 1983, Keilor East Parish, 1984, Moonee Ponds Parish, 1989 and Reservoir North Parish 1994 and later that year was appointed as the Parish Priest of Hadfield Parish.

He was appointed Vicar Forane for the Northern Region in 1995 and this appoint is indicative of the esteem with which he was regarded by the priests of the Archdiocese.

In 2007 Fr Manny was appointed Parish Priest for Reservoir North Parish where he remained for 17 years until his retirement in 2024.

A friend of the Confraternity, Fr. Emmanuel sent us a Christmas greeting for the December 2024 newsletter.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen"



Meeting with His Excellency Bishop Monsignor Anton Teuma

Gozo Curia

23 July 2025.

My wife, Dame Mary Portelli and I had a courtesy meeting with His Excellency The Most Rev. Bishop Anton Teuma of Gozo at the Curia Office.

We had a brief talk about the work of the Confraternity in Gozo and in Melbourne. The aim of the Confraternity is to participate in and help around the diocese when required.

It is important to help with projects in the parish when necessary.



Photo: His Excellency Monsignor The Most Rev. Anton Teuma with Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli Grand Master of the Confraternity and Dame Mary Portelli.

Grand Chapter of Melbourne

Kind donation to the Confraternity.

The Grand Chapter of Melbourne is grateful for the donation of Chevalier John and Dame Elvira Lorenzin to the Confraternity. This is not the first time that this family made such a big contribution to the Confraternity.

In the coming months up to Christmas the Confraternity will pass on the donation to those who deserved it most, the poor and the sick.

Thank you Chevalier John and Dame Elvira for your generous contribution to the Confraternity.



From left: Dame Angela Greto, Chevalier Saverio Greto, Dame Elvira Lorenzin, Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli and Chevalier John Lorenzin.

This all we have for July.

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

With every good wish.



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