



*To the Right Reverend Mario Grech  
Bishop of Gozo*

I am writing to thank you most sincerely for the very warm welcome which you gave me on the occasion of my recent Apostolic Visit to Malta. Please extend my greetings to the priests, religious and lay faithful of the Church in Gozo.

During my stay, I was pleased to learn of the many faithful of Gozo who had made the journey to the island of Malta, especially for the celebration of Holy Mass at Floriana, allowing me to see for myself their deep affection for our blessed Saviour and for the Successor of Peter. Let me also take this opportunity to thank Your Lordship for your contribution to the preparations for my Visit, especially to the youth event at the Grand Harbour. I was especially struck by the honesty and sincerity of the young people who addressed me. Please convey to them my sincere thanks and prayers for their future.