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The Apostolic Nunciature to Malta and Libya has the honour to inform the Bishops of Libya, Malta and Gozo that the Holy Father, Pope Francis

- has appointed Coadjutor Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of Tripoli the **Reverend Father George Bugeja, O.F.M.**, Superior of the Friary of St Anthony of Padova in Ghajnsielem, (Diocese of Gozo).

The announcement is made public today, Friday 10 July, 2015, at 12h00 in Rome.

10 July 2015

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**Fr. George Bugeja O.F.M.**, was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1962, in Xaghra, Diocese of Gozo. He entered the Novitiate of the Friars Minor on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1977, took his first vows on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1978 and his solemn profession on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 1983. He was ordained priest on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1986. Beside his philosophical and theological studies, he holds a diploma in journalism and spirituality.

He started his priestly ministry in the diocese of Gozo. After a few years he was superior in various Franciscan communities: Hamrun, Rabat, Gozo and Sliema.

He also held posts in his Order: Provincial Secretary for missions and evangelization and Secretary for formation.

He was parish priest in the parish of the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Sliema (2004-2008). Subsequently he was nominated auditor of the ecclesiastical Tribunal of the diocese of Gozo and then from 2010 until 2014 an official within the Congregation of the Evangelization of Peoples. As from January 2015 he is superior of the Convent of St Anthony of Padova in Ghajnsielem, Diocese of Gozo.

