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Today, Thursday 27th April 2017, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed His Excellency **Monsignor Alessandro D'ERRICO**, Titular Archbishop of Carini and currently Apostolic Nuncio in Croatia, as the new Apostolic Nuncio in Malta.

H. E. Monsignor Alessandro D'Errico was born in *Frattamaggiore* (Napoli, Italy) on 18th November 1950.

He was ordained priest on 24th March 1974 and he was incardinated in the Diocese of *Aversa*. He holds a Doctorate in Philosophy.

He studied at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy in Rome and joined the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See on 5th March 1977. He then served in the Apostolic Nunciature in Thailand, Brazil and Greece. He served within the Prefecture of the Papal Household and later served in the Pontifical Representations in Italy and in Poland.

On 14th November 1998 he was appointed Titular Archbishop of Carini and Apostolic Nuncio in Pakistan.

On 21st November 2005 he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio in Bosnia - Herzegovina.

On 17th February 2010 he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio in Montenegro.

On 21st May 2012 he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio in Croatia.

As the Apostolic Nuncio in Malta, Archbishop D'Errico will represent the Holy Father and the Holy See both with regard to the Catholic Church in Malta and Gozo, as well as to the Civil Authorities. He will also be the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Republic of Malta.

It is the duty of the Papal Representative to strengthen the bonds of communion between the Apostolic See and the Catholic Church present in the country where he is posted. For this reason, it is the responsibility of the Apostolic Nuncio to assist the Bishops of Malta and Gozo as they carry out their pastoral role. At the same time, the Nuncio will promote and facilitate the relations between the Government of Malta and the Holy See.

Ilum, il-Qdusija Tieghu Papa Frangisku hatar lill-Eccellenza tieghu Mons Alessandro D'Errico, Arcisqof Titulari ta' Carini u fil-present Nunzju Apostoliku fil-Croatia, bhala Nunzju Apostoliku ghal Malta.

Mons. Alessandro D'Errico twieled go Frattamaggiore (Napoli, Italja) fil-18ta'Novembru 1950.

Ġie ordnat sacerdot fis-24 ta' Marż 1974 u inkardinat fid-djocisi *ta' Aversa*. Ghandu Dottorat fil-Filosofija.

Huwa studja fl-Akkademja Pontificja Ekklesjastika f'Ruma u nghaqad mas-servizz diplomatiku tas-Santa Sede fil-5 ta' Marzu fl-1977. Serva fin-Nunzjatura tat-Tajlandja, Brazil u l-Grecja. Wara serva fil-"*Prefettura della Casa Pontificia*", u wara kien Rapprezant tal-Papa fl-Italja u fil-Polonja.

Fl-14 ta' Novembru tal-1998 huwa nhatar Arcisqof Titulari ta' Carini u Nunzju Appostoliku fil-Pakistan.

Fit-21 ta' Novembru 2005 nhatar Nunzju fil-Bosnja-Hersegovina.

Fis -17 ta' Frar 2010 nhatar Nunzju fil- Montenegro.

Fil-21 ta' Mejju 2012 nħatar Nunzju fil-Croazja.

Mons. D'Errico, bhala r-rapprezentant tal-Papa, ghandu r-responsabiltá li jirrapprezentah b'mod stabbli mal-Knisja f'Malta u Ghawdex, kif ukoll ma' liStat Malti. Huwa wkoll id-Dekan tal-Korp Diplomatiku akkreditati ghar-Repubblika ta' Malta. Id-dmir tieghu huwa li jkun ta' ghajnuna ghall-Isqfijiet, isahhah l-ghaqda mas-Sede Apostolika, imexxi 'l-quddiem ir-relazzjonijiet bejn is-Sata Sede u l-Awtoritajiet tal-iStat.

