



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Stella Maris Parish Church		
Address	Triq il-Kbira		
Town Name	Sliema	Toponym	N/A
Property Owner	Religious	Managing Body	Archdiocese of Malta
Guardianship Deed	No		
Local Council	Sliema		

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
Phase	Modern: British (1800 - 1964)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural Artistic	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	High
Property Function	Religious	Conservation Area	UCA

Outline Description	A nineteenth Century Church
Property Description	<p>Sliema had grown by the mid-19th Century to the point where the small chapel of Our Lady of Divine Grace could no longer cope with the number of inhabitants. The local architect Giuseppe Bonavia was entrusted with the design of a new church, dedicated to Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Construction commenced in 1853 and was completed shortly after. The church was modified and enlarged in the 1870s under direction of Architect Bonavia. The modifications included the construction of two transept arms, a sacristy, the extension to the East end and the construction of the dome. In 1878, Stella Maris was established as a parish, breaking away from Birkirkara and becoming the first parish in Sliema. In 1909, the church was again altered with the construction of a new façade. Though Architect Bonavia had passed away by this time, the design of the façade is generally attributed to his design.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	0728	G.N. Date	2011
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Recommended Bibliography	<p>MEPA Scheduled Property Register</p> <p>Mahoney, L. (1996) <i>5000 Years of Architecture in Malta</i>, Malta: Valletta Publishing</p>
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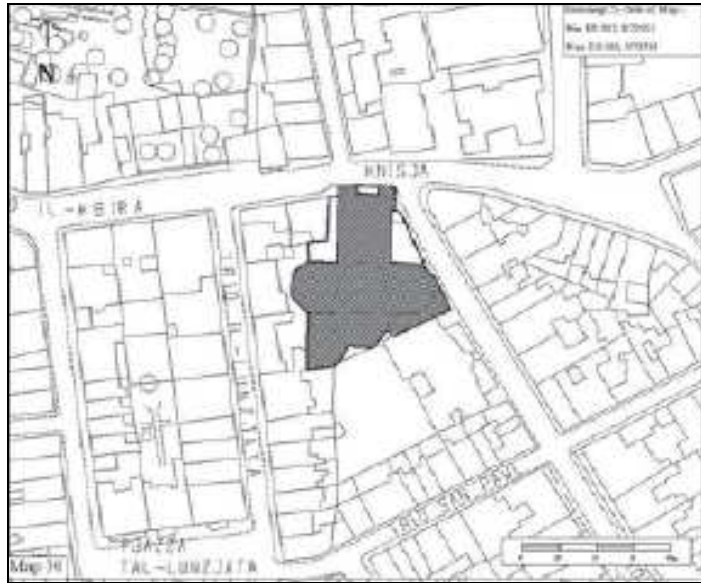
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Property Plan



Property Images

