



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 01107

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Property Name	Parish Church of the Madonna				
Address	Pjazza Vittorja				
Town Name	Xaghra	Toponym	-	Local Council	Xagħra
Property Owner	Religious	Managing Body	Archdioceses		
Guardianship Deed	Under consideration				

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)				
Phase	Modern: British (1800 - 1964)				
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	High		
	Artistic				
	Historical				
Property Function	Religious	Conservation Area	No		

Outline Description	The first parish church in Xaghra was the chapel of St Anthony the Abbot. On the request of Bishop Coco Palmeri, the building of a new church was initiated with the land given by Fra Gregoria Carafa.				
Property Description	<p>In front of the church one can find a large spacious parvis which is decorated with two white plastered statues at the entrance. The façade is raised on a high plinth. It is divided into three bays with the central bay projecting outwards. The decoration on the bays bare similarities with each other, especially the two lateral bays. The central bay is pierced by a large wooden door with stone molding on the upper part. Above this decoration there is a suspended segmented arch with the three archdiocese emblems. Directly above the main portal, there is a roundel with the relief of the Madonna which is topped by a triangular pediment. The edges of the façade are embellished with tall pilasters carrying Ionic capitals. The second tier of this bay is topped with a segmented arch and a raised aedicule with the Cross of the basilica. The lateral bays have the same decorative scheme of the central bay. The doors have stone mouldings and are topped with a small-scaled segmented pediment. The blankness of the façade is interrupted by two clocks.</p> <p>The upper part of the facades incorporates two large square bell-towers, both of which terminate with a spire and a dome.</p>				

Scheduled by MEPA	No	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	782	G.N. Date	2011
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Recommended Bibliography	Various, <i>Xaghra Parish Church</i> , accessed 23rd August 2012 < http://xaghraparish.org/about-the-parish/history-of-the-parish >				
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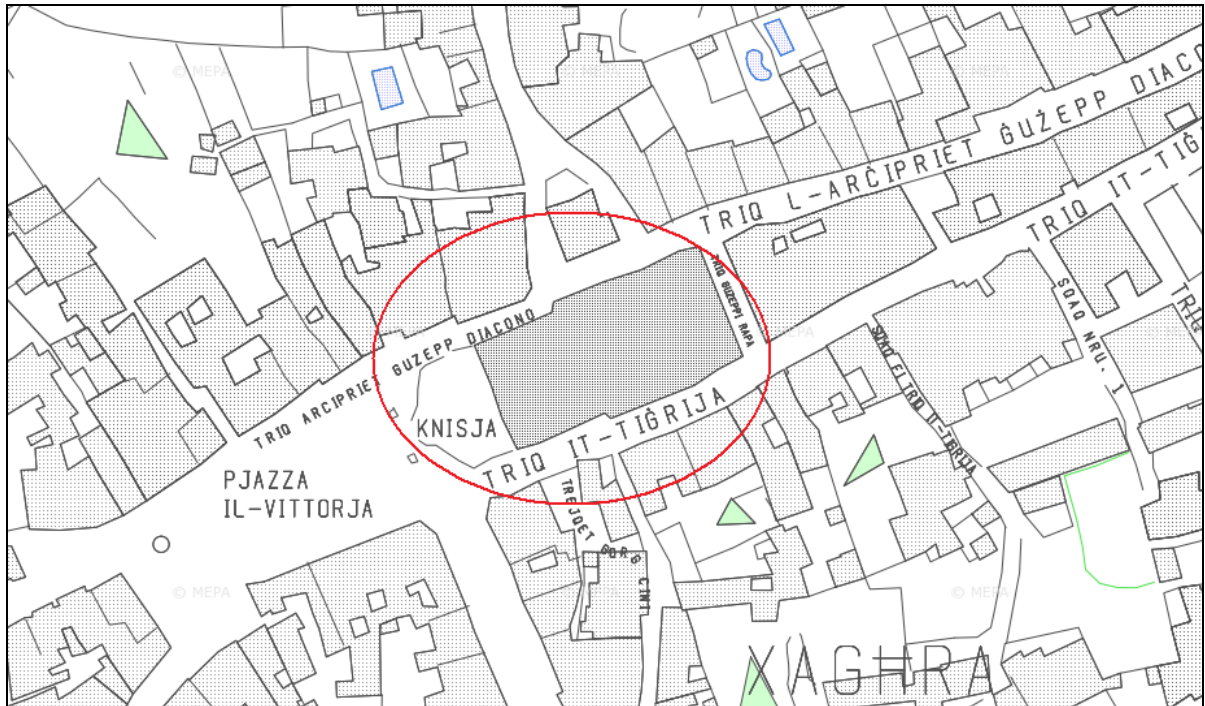
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Property Plan



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