



# Order of Malta South Florida Newsletter

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## Investiture Weekend November 10-12, 2011

On Friday November 11, at 2 p.m. the Solemn Mass of Investiture for The Sovereign Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Rhodes and Malta, American Association will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City. The Mass will be presided over by His Excellency, Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York.

That evening the Annual Dinner will be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Fr. James Martin, SJ, Author and Culture Editor of America Magazine will be the special guest speaker. Author of numerous books on prayer, Fr. Martin also hosts "mini" talks on CatholicTV.com. Only 3-5 minutes each, he provides a concise insight to elements of prayer. Visit



Fr. James Martin, SJ  
photo: America Magazine

<http://www.catholicTV.com/shows/episode-listing.aspx?seriesID=19>

to watch the episodes.



St. Patrick's Cathedral  
Investiture 2010

### South Florida Area Dinner in New York City!

Topping off Investiture Weekend will be a dinner for South Florida Area members. On Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. we will gather together at Armani Ristorante 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Located within walking distance to the Waldorf Hotel, members will enjoy Northern Italian cuisine designed by a Michelin starred chef. Their menu is extensive

and offers something for everyone.

Armani Ristorante  
Giorgio Armani  
717 5th Ave  
New York, NY 10022  
Midtown East

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### Inside this edition

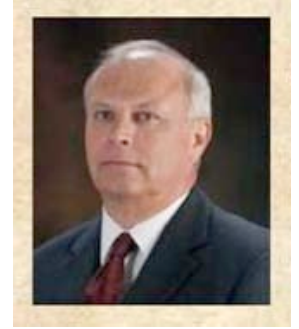
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**From the Chair:**

In just a few short months we will be privileged to welcome the American Association members of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta to the 10<sup>th</sup> National Membership Conference. Continuing the tradition of specific themes designed to invigorate the spirituality of members, this

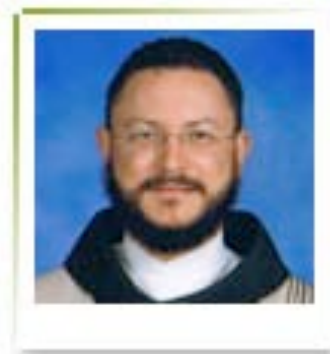
conference will focus on “*Catholic Social Doctrine: Philosophical and Theological Foundations*” in addition to the primary purpose of the Membership Conferences: which is to meet and discuss the key works of the Order. Coming together allows us to be of service to one another in

the exchange of ideas that assist Members to better serve “Our Lords, the poor and the sick.” You can be a part of this great event. The Conference Committee meets every month at St Thomas University. If you would like to receive further details please email KGarcia@stu.edu



*Prof. Mark Wolff  
Area Chair and President*

**St. Ann’s Mission Welcomes New Pastor**



*Rev. Jesus A. Bohorquez, Administrator:  
St. Ann’s Mission  
photo archive: St. Patrick’s Church,  
Miami Beach*

On July 1, 2011 Fr. Jesus A. Bohorquez officially became the new Administrator for St. Ann’s Mission in Naranja. The sprawling campus in South Dade is home to the Fr. Patrick H. O’Neill Health and Legal Center, a Malta South Florida project.



*Otto Fuentes, K.M. processing patients at clinic*

*Working hard at Fr. Patrick H. O’Neill Health and Legal Center.....*

If you would like to share news with our members please send:

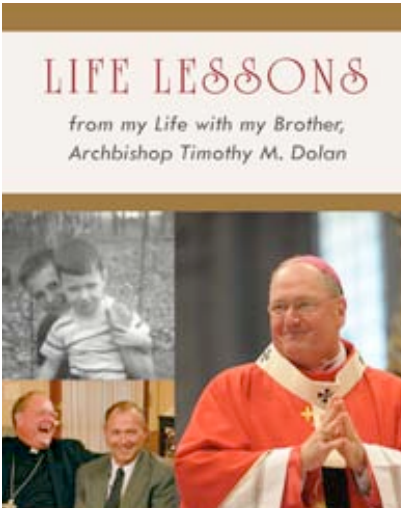
- ✧ *News or upcoming events/fundraisers regarding Malta South Florida Projects*
- ✧ *Photos from members from personal special events*
- ✧ *2-3 short paragraphs: Photos welcome!*
- ✧ *Submissions by the first Friday of each month*

Items can be sent to:  
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3571 N. Prospect Dr.  
Coral Gables, FL 33133  
or:  
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**THE INSIGNIA OF THE ORDER SYMBOLIZES THE CHARACTER OF THE KNIGHTS AND DAMES, AND THE WORK THEY PERFORM ON BEHALF OF THE ORDER.**

**THE SHIELD** with a white cross on a red background from which the insignia hangs represents the ensign of the Order.  
**TWIRLED RIBBON** represents fidelity.  
**SMALL CROSS** just above the crown — the wooden cross upon which Christ died.  
**THE CROWN** directly below the cross — the sovereignty of the Order.  
**THE MALTESE CROSS** hanging below the crown — the badge of the Order.  
**THE FOUR ARMS OF THE CROSS** — the virtues of temperance, prudence, justice and fortitude.  
**THE WHITE IN THE ARMS OF THE CROSS** — purity of deed.  
**THE EIGHT POINTS OF THE CROSS** — the eight Beatitudes as proclaimed by Christ in his Sermon on the Mount





A new book has been published about St. Louis native Timothy Dolan, the Archbishop of New York, and Principal Chaplain of the American Association. The book is called *LIFE LESSONS from my Life with my Brother, Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan* and is written by the Archbishop's brother, Bob Dolan. The Archbishop is someone we all look to as a guide on our spiritual journey and *LIFE LESSONS* emphasizes his humanness, his love for the people he serves, and a common sense approach to our faith. The book highlights the Archbishop's easy-to-understand approach to our Catholic faith, often told in his amusing manner, with an inspirational message. At times, the book is funny and at other times, very moving. The final chapter, "Life Lessons: A Roadmap" makes the whole book worthwhile.

You may purchase LIFE LESSONS at [www.tau-publishing.com](http://www.tau-publishing.com)

## News from the Prison Ministry *A Work of Malta's American Association*

The American Association Prison Ministry is supporting all the diocese in the State of Florida. Several Malta's are actively engaged in visiting jails and prisons to bring consolation and the the gospel to the incarcerated.

The Malta Bible and Prayer Book Program is dispensing books from Key West throughout the state. Steve Caron K.M., editor of The Saving Brother, a quarterly Malta prison newsletter, sends three-thousand copies to locations

throughout the state, at the request to the participating Malta's. These newsletters are seen by a total of approximately five inmates per copy, giving it exposure to approximately 15,000 inmates. Malta is also a signatory to the Coalition for Smart Justice here in Florida. Last year the Coalition supported several pieces of legislation that passed the legislature and were signed into law, to help improve several issues affecting inmates.



Andrew Vissichio, K.M.  
Prison Ministry, South Florida Area

## "Thank You" from Sister Lucia, Executive Director, The Marian Center



Marian Center Teacher and Students enjoying new pool donated by Malta

*"You have given those we serve, children and adults with developmental disabilities, the joy to know that good friends, just like you, are ready to help.*

*We rely on Divine Providence, who touches the heart of people to help the Marian Center in its needs. We pray for all of you that you may continue to help people in need and in this way to represent to those you help the mercy, the love, and the compassion of our Heavenly Father. May our Lord bless you!"*

Sr. Lucia Ceccotti: from letter written to Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order Of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta American Association, U. S. A. July 19, 2011

## Calendar of Events

### November 4

First Friday Mass  
St. Jude's Catholic Church  
21689 Toledo Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433

Board Meeting 10:00 am  
Pastoral Center

### November 11-13

Investiture Weekend  
Please visit [www.maltausa.org](http://www.maltausa.org) for full schedule of events  
Saturday November 12 Dinner for South Florida Area  
leepinto@gmail.com for information

### November 19

Malta Morning of Reflection  
St. Lucy's Catholic Church  
3510 S. Ocean Blvd.  
Highland Beach, FL 33487

### December 2

First Friday Mass  
Board Meeting 10:00 am  
Pastoral Center

### December 4

Annual Advent Mass  
4:45 P.M.  
Colross Residence  
4300 Toledo Street  
Coral Gables, Fl. 33146

### March 16-18

National Membership  
Conference

### May 2-8, 2012

Lourdes Pilgrimage XXVII

### Upcoming Fundraisers:

\* Events posted are for charities supported by Malta South Florida Projects

### Marian Center Auxiliary

"Jazz at Joe's"

November 6

for tickets please contact:  
Toni Accella, [Tlacocella@aol.com](mailto:Tlacocella@aol.com)



## Malta Morning of Reflection



**Saturday, November 19, 2011**

*St. Lucy's Catholic Church  
3510 S. Ocean Blvd.  
Highland Beach, Florida 33487*

### **Prayer: What is it really?**

Prayer is the heart and soul of the Christian life. Christians pray in many ways: in common through liturgical celebrations, in the privacy of our room, and throughout the day when we feel a need to connect with God in some meaningful way. We have many reasons to pray—Jesus taught the need to pray not only often, but always! St. Paul affirmed that teaching, "Pray always." What is prayer that "praying always" is practical or even possible? We will explore this important reality in the life of the members of the Order of Malta

**Presenter:** *Very Rev. David G. Caron, OP, D. Min, Ch. M*

### **Schedule:**

8:30AM Light Breakfast  
9:00AM Morning Prayer  
9:15AM Session One  
10:15AM Break  
10:30AM Session Two  
11:15AM The Rosary  
11:30AM Mass  
12:30 Lunch ~Delray Beach Club

**RSVP: by November 7 to Ms. Lucille Roberge-DeVane, D.M.**

**2150 South Ocean Drive #5C, Delray Beach, FL 33483**

**Cost: \$75.00 per person Make Checks payable to: "Order of Malta South Florida"**

*We are heading north in November!*

## First Friday Mass

For our Broward and Palm Beach confreres, we will join together and attend the First Friday Mass at St. Jude's in Boca Raton

November 4, 2011

8:00 a.m.

St. Jude Catholic Church  
21689 Toledo Road  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433

*Please wear your pin!*



*First Friday, October 7, 2011: Pat Vissichio, D.M., Lee Da Graca Pinto, D.M. Dottie Crippen, D.M., Loraine Kayal, D.M., Andy Vissichio, K.M.*

### November Feast Days

November 19<sup>th</sup> All Saints of the Order