

# Augustinian Institute Malta

In 1998, the Provincial Chapter nominated the Revd Salvino Caruana OSA as successor to Revd Fr Edward Fenech OSA to direct the *Augustinian Institute*. In 1998, the *Institute* was transferred from Valletta to Pietà, where the *Institute* could now avail itself of several rooms, offices and lecture halls, making up a much larger premises. The premises were soon gradually adequately furnished for two large lecture halls with all the necessary didactic instruments, secretary's office, and a library specializing in works on the life and thought of St Augustine of Hippo and the Fathers of the Church. It was also made very clear that the *Augustinian Institute* would award no kind of academic degrees or any other official academic recognition. It was agreed, however, that a *Certificate of Attendance* would be awarded to participants.

Fr Caruana considered a priority the publicizing of the new academic study-units that would be given at the Augustinian Institute. The academic year would now consist of three major courses on Augustine. The first and major study-unit would be the 13 lectures in the Augustine For All series of lectures, from September to December of each year, and at the end of which a Certificate of Attendance was to be awarded to participants. The second study-unit would comprise two lectures of the Annual Saint Augustine Lecture. A world famous scholar of Augustine's works and thought would be invited to deliver the lectures on a given topic. The Annual St Augustine Lecture consists therefore of two lectures, one delivered at the University of Malta and the other to the participants in the Augustine For All series of lectures at the Augustinian Institute. The third, and final, academic study-unit at the Institute would be the *Lectio Augustini*. The *Lectio* would be held in the months between January and March of each academic year, and would consist of a series of eight

two-hour sessions, during which an Augustinian text, or texts, would be read and analyzed.

Revd Salvino Caruana also recognized the great importance as well as a great priority running parallel to the reopening and resumption of the academic activity of the *Augustinian Institute*, the task of healing past grievances with some academic institutions and others on the Island. The more important were perhaps those which had arisen with the authorities of the State University of Malta, especially with the Faculty of Theology. But, there were also those which had arisen with the local ecclesiastical hierarchy, with whom relations had been severely strained. The results of his efforts were extremely encouraging. The change of direction of the *Augustinian Institute* in 1998, as well as the proposed new orientation of the teaching of Augustine at the *Institute* had set most of the above minds at rest. The task of grabbing and availing oneself of every opportunity for enhancing the influence, operation and recognition of the *Institute*, was considered as a major priority.

Several deans and heads of departments from the Faculty of Arts and various other faculties, especially from the Faculty of Theology Theology of the State University of Malta, have lectured at the *Augustinian Institute* since 1998. As a result, a good number (roughly 20/30) of students from the Faculty of Arts, the Dept. of Philosophy and from the Faculty of Theology, have been encouraged to follow study-units in Augustinian Theology, Philosophy and Spirituality at the *Augustinian Institute*. It was immediately recognized that the *Augustinian Institute* ought to work in this direction, seeking close collaboration with, and striving to enhance its ties with the State University of Malta on a variety of common projects, academic and other, as well as directing greater attention to the new situation of our adherence to the European Community and attempt to gain recognition and aid within its academic audit system (*ECTS* system).

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## PROSPECTUS

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Formation courses  
offered by the  
**Augustinian  
Institute**





## *Augustine for all* Series of Lectures

on *The Confessions* of St Augustine  
Lectures are on Fridays from 6-7pm  
Commencing: Friday 27th October - up to  
Friday 6th December 2013  
Venue: The *Augustinian Institute*  
**Subscription fee: 35€** (+one publication for *free*)

## *The 17th Annual* *Saint Augustine Lecture*

Tuesday 29th October 2013  
Gateway Hall E at 7.00pm  
at the University of Malta  
**Speaker:** His Eminence Cardinal Prospero Grech OSA  
**Chairing:** Dr Jean-Paul DeLucca BA MA PhD  
A reception will follow

Thursday 31st October 2013  
6.15-7pm at the Augustinian Institute, Pieta.  
**Speaker:** His Eminence Cardinal Prosper Grech OSA  
**Chairing:** Revd P. Desira OSA BA STHL Dipl.Th.Patr.  
A reception will follow

No subscription fee.

## *Lectio Augustini* Series of 8 sessions (2HR sessions)

The *Confessions* of St Augustine  
Commencing on Friday 24th January to Friday  
14th March 2014  
from 6.00 to 8.00pm  
**Venue:** The *Augustinian Institute*

**Subscription fee: 35€** (+one publication for *free*)

## *Philosophy for all*

### **Contents:**

Christian Philosophy 3rd to 4th century CE  
The Philosophy of St Augustine  
The *Cassiciacum Dialogues*

Participants can register for 2nd year and then  
proceed to the 1st year study-units in academic  
year 2014-2015.

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### *Pl. note:*

1. *The majority of the lectures are in Maltese.*
2. *15min. tea/coffee/sweets break after or between sessions.*

