



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00518

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<b>Property Name</b>	Niche of Madonna of Sorrows		
<b>Address</b>	Triq Sant' Ursola		
<b>Town Name</b>	Valletta	<b>Toponym</b>	-
<b>Property Owner</b>	Unknown	<b>Managing Body</b>	-
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	-		
<b>Local Council</b>	Valletta		

<b>Period</b>	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
<b>Phase</b>	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Artistic Historical Social	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	High
<b>Property Function</b>	Religious	<b>Conservation Area</b>	-

<b>Outline Description</b>	Elaborate, highly decorated niche with a small opening sealed with a black iron guard, holding a picture of the Madonna of Sorrows.
<b>Property Description</b>	The niche was carved by a Neapolitan sculptor who, as punishment for a crime he had committed, was condemned to row in the galleys of the Order. Unfortunately, he then murdered a fellow-arsman, resulting in the Grand Master condemning him in 1760 to being drawn and quartered. Indulgences were granted to those who pray in front of this image.

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	0276	<b>G.N. Date</b>	2008
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	Galea, M., (2011) <i>Valletta: Statues, Niches, Small Churches, Public Fountains, Public Clocks, Monuments and Marble Tablets</i> : Allied Publications.
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Coordinates : Easting

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### Property Plan



### Property Images

