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Property Name Church of St. Francis

Address Triq ir-Republika

Town Name Valletta Toponym - Local Council Valletta

Property Owner Religious Managing Body Franciscan Friars Minor

Guardianship Deed -

Period Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)

Phase Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)

Architectural Cultural Heritage

Cultural Heritage
Type & Value

Artistic

Historical

Assessment

Cultural Heritage

Property Value

Assessment

Very High

Property Function Religious Conservation Area

Outline Description A small, stone, baroque church.

Property Description

The first convent was built in 1598 and the first church in 1607. After a few decades it developed structural defects and in 1681 it was built anew through the generosity of Grand Master Giorgio Carafa, whose coat of arms adorns the façade. The church was enlarged in the 1920s following plans by Emanuel Borg, which also included a dome. The facade is mainly composed of corinthian columns and a pediment on top with a bell tower. This required the removal of some frescos by Giuseppe Calì, which were replaced with others by Gianni Vella.

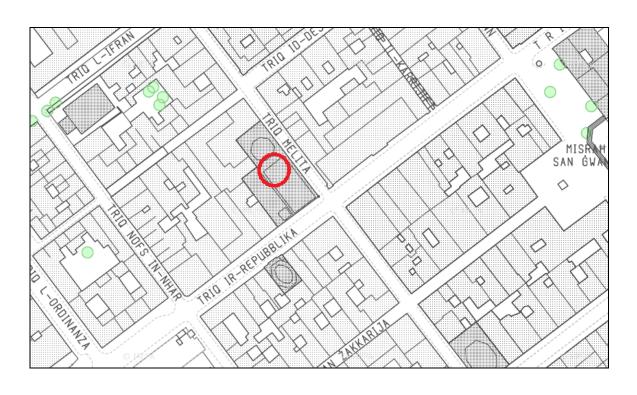
Scheduled by MEPA Yes Degree of Protection Grade 1 G.N. No. 0276 G.N. Date 2008

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Property Plan



Property Images

