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| Property Name                     | Sacro Cuor Parish Church   |                 |   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| Address                           | Triq San Trofimu   |                 |   |                       |
| Town Name                         | Sliema   | Toponym         | N/A   | Local Council Sliema  |
| Property Owner                    | Religious  | Managing Body   | Archdiocese of                                    | Malta                 |
| Guardianship Deed                 | No   |                 |   |                       |
|                                   |  |                 |   |                       |
| Period                            | Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)   |                 |   |                       |
| Phase                             | Modern: British (1800 - 1964)  |                 |   |                       |
| Cultural Heritage<br>Type & Value | Architectural<br>Artistic  |                 | Cultural Heritage<br>Property Value<br>Assessment | High                  |
| <b>Property Function</b>          | Religious  |                 | Conservation Area                                 | UCA                   |
|                                   |  |                 |   |                       |
| Outline Description               | A twentieth Century Church   |                 |   |                       |
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| Bronouter Description             | By 1877, the population of Sliema had grown, so much that Archbishop Carmelo   |                 |   |                       |
| Property Description              | Scicluna decreed that a new church could be built to compliment Stella Maris<br>Church. The new church was designed by Giovanni Domenico Debonno and<br>dedicated to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, generally referred to as il-<br>Madonna tas-Sacro Cuor. The church was entrusted to the Franciscan Minor Friars in<br>1881, becoming the second parish in Sliema in 1918. Further enlargement and repairs<br>were undertaken in the early 1930s, under the direction of Architect Rafael Pitre from<br>Valletta. The new design included a series of small domes over the side aisles and a<br>new roof over the central nave. A new and imposing western façade in the Baroque<br>style was added, with a classical temple-fronted central bay, flanked by a pair of bell<br>towers |                 |   |                       |
| Scheduled by MEPA                 | Yes Degree   | of Protection G | cade 1 G.N. No                                    | <b>G.N. Date</b> 2011 |
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| Recommended<br>Bibliography       | MEPA Scheduled Property Register<br>Mahoney, L. (1996) 5000 Years of Architecture in Malta, Malta: Valletta Publishing   |                 |   |                       |





