



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00669

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<b>Property Name</b>	Collegiate Parish Church of the Immaculate Conception		
<b>Address</b>	Triq il-Pellegrinagg		
<b>Town Name</b>	Bormla	<b>Toponym</b>	-
		<b>Local Council</b>	Bormla
<b>Property Owner</b>	Religious	<b>Managing Body</b>	-
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	-		

<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>	Architectural Artistic Historical	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	Very High
<b>Property Function</b>	Religious	<b>Conservation Area</b>	-

<b>Outline Description</b>	Large, stone, baroque church.
<b>Property Description</b>	The first parish church dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady consisted of a small chapel on the hill known as L-Għolja tal-Ġonna (The Hill of the Gardens). It was subsequently enlarged and embellished, especially after 1627 – 30. During the term of office of parish priest Gian Maria Barbara, around 1680, a new church started to be built on the same site. In 1686 architect Lorenzo Gafa` was commissioned to design its steeple. Owing to various problems, including the bad effects of the plague of 1676, years of drought and poverty, as well as delayed decisions about some side chapels, this church took years to build. In fact it was only completed by 1732, when it was solemnly consecrated by Bishop Alpheran de Bussan. The church was elevated to the dignity of a Collegiate Church by Pope Pius VII in 1828, before being enlarged again in 1880.

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	0782	<b>G.N. Date</b>	2011
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	Anon., <i>The Parish Church</i> , Parrocchia Kolleggjata ta' Marija Immakkulata Bormla accessed 17 August 2012 < <a href="http://www.cospicuparish.org.mt/theparish.asp">http://www.cospicuparish.org.mt/theparish.asp</a> >
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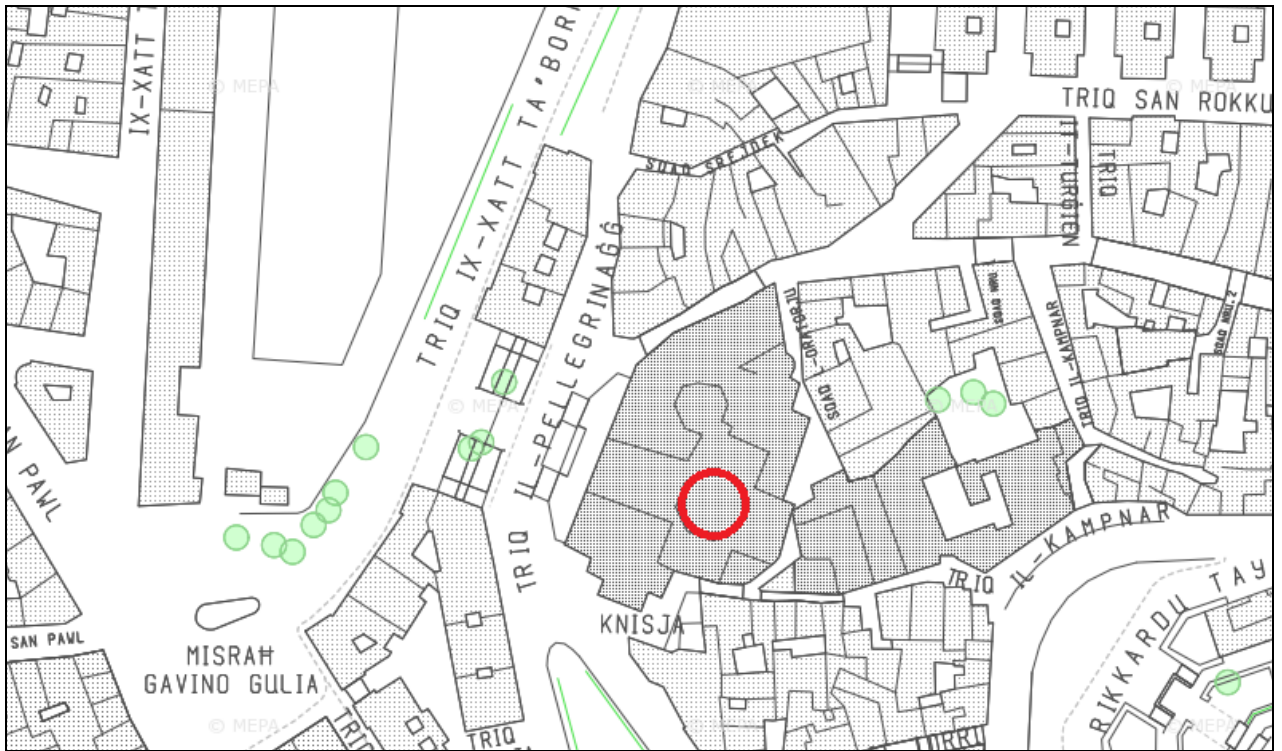
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Property Plan



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