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EXPRESSION ON INTEREST PROVISION OF ALTAR DESIGN

ALTAR DESIGN DIAS (1) DESIGN

The Interdiocesan Committee organising the events scheduled to take place during the Pope's visit invites designers to present preliminary (at this stage) designs for the following:

1. The dias from which the Archbishop and the Pope will speak in the evening of the 17th on the parvis of St Paul's Parish Church in Rabat.

The dias will accommodate the Pope and his entourage of four persons and set up at a place to be marked on a plan. The dias should enable the Pope to reach out to the people in the Church square.

2. The altar and surrounding area which will accommodate the Pope, the Bishops and Priests during the mass and a separate platform which will accommodate the 200-strong choir and orchestra adjacent to it on the Granaries on the 18th in the morning.

The altar will have some features which are standard in size and design; these will be presented in a separate document to all expressing interest. The altar area will cater for the Pope and his immediate entourage (5 persons) and have an adjacent area for accompanying bishops (20) and then extend on a lower level to accommodate some 700 seated concelebrants. A short distance away from this will be a dias to accommodate the orchestra and the choir. The areas to be covered and their position will be marked on plans to be presented to all expressing

interest.

Designs are to be presented in scale form with all details and materials to be used in such a manner that facilitates their study and evaluation. Simplicity and easy construction are elements which the Interdiocesan Committee will appreciate most.

After a short list is drawn up, more details (such as the size and placing of the diases and altar areas) will be supplied.

The Interdiocesan Committee will become the owner of all designs presented in whatsoever format.

Interests of expression should also include the cost of design.

Chosen designer/s will be required to oversee the manufacture and the construction on site of the project/s chosen under the supervision of an appointed architect.

Sponsorships are much appreciated and will be acknowledged in a very appropriate way.

The above does not constitute any binding commitment on the part of the Archdiocese of Malta.