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ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Friday, 5th November 2010, Archbishop Paul Cremona O.P. will celebrate a Mass during which Rev. Robert Galea will be ordained to the priesthood. The celebration, which begins at 6.30 pm, will take place at St Julian's Parish Church. The general public is invited to attend and pray for the holiness of all priests, most especially for Rev. Robert who will be ordained during next Friday's ceremony.

Rev. Robert Galea who is 28 years old and hails from Ibrag parish commenced his studies in 2003 at the Archbishop's Seminary in Malta. In accordance with his wish, in 2007, a request was made to Archbishop Paul Cremona by the Maltese Bishop of Sandhurst, Mons. Joe Grech, for Robert to pursue his remaining studies in Australia. During his formation at the Seminary in Melbourne, Robert had the opportunity to express his musical and vocal talents in order to spread the Good News in Australia, a country described by Robert as being thirsty for the Word of God and even more so, for vocations. In 2008, on the occasion of World Youth Day in Sydney, he was offered the opportunity to sing in the presence of Pope Benedict XVI before an audience of half a million people. Robert also formed part of a group of contemporary pop singers who recorded the official song for World Youth Day entitled 'Receive the Power'. Today, Rev. Robert Galea is an internationally acclaimed singer and songwriter of Christian music. His recordings include three CD's: the 'Divine Mercy Chaplet' (July 2010), and the albums 'What a Day' (2008) and 'Closer' (2006). He is currently working on a new album due for release in late 2010.

Rev. Robert's passion is to draw others to the heart of God through his music. He believes that music is an important instrument to help God's people understand the need for a relationship with God. Whilst greatly appreciating his gift, Rev. Robert recognizes that before everything he is a follower of Christ, a priest and only then, a musician.

Following his ordination, Fr Robert Galea will return to Australia to serve as a priest in the diocese of Sandhurst, Victoria.