

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Full name

Joseph Ellul, O.P.

### Place and date of birth

PIETÀ (Malta), 24 July 1960

### Education

(Primary): St. Joseph School, SLIEMA (1964-1971)

(Secondary): Archbishop's Seminary, FLORIANA (1971-1976)

(Tertiary): St. Thomas Aquinas Philosophical-Theological College, RABAT [Malta] (1976-1983)

Pontifical Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies, ROME (1983-1986)

Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, ROME (1986-1987; 1995-1997).

### Academic Degrees

1983: Lectorate in Philosophy and Theology (St. Thomas Philosophical-Theological College, RABAT).

1986: Licentiate in Arabic and Islamic Studies (Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies [P.I.S.A.I.], ROME). Title of license dissertation: *Some meanings of the root kh-l-f according to al-Zamaḥṣarī, al-Rāzī and al-Bayḍawī*

1987: Licentiate in Theology (Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, ROME)

1997: Doctorate in Theology [specialization in Ecumenical Studies] (Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas [P.U.S.T.] ROME). Title of doctoral dissertation: *Growth in Koinonia: Baptism and its Relation to the Eucharist in Roman Catholic-Orthodox Perspective*, ROME 1997; pp. 210.

### Formation

1976 – Entered the Order of Preachers.

1985 – Priestly Ordination.

### Academic activities

From 1987-1990 – Teacher of Arabic at St. Albert the Great College, VALLETTA.

From 1988-1993 – Founder/Editor of cultural review *KNISJA 2000 (CHURCH 2000)*

From 1991 – Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts (Department of Philosophy, Department of Oriental Studies), Faculty of Theology – University of Malta.

From 1997-2015 – Professor *incaricatus* in the Faculty of Theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, ROME.

From 2015 – Professor *aggregatus* in the Faculty of Theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, ROME.

From 1999 – Visiting Professor at the Pontifical Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies, ROME.

From 2014 – Member of the European Society for Catholic Theology.

### **Ecclesiastical activities**

From 1988 – Archbishop's delegate for Christian-Muslim dialogue.

From 2005-2009 – Member of the Committee for Relations with Muslims of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences.

From 2007–2013 Consultor to the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

From 2011 – President of the Archdiocesan Commission for Interreligious Dialogue.

### **Publications**

#### **a. Articles**

'Il-Kuncett taz-Żwieg u l-Familja fl-Islam' (The Concept of Marriage and the Family in Islam), *Knisja 2000*: 1988 September-October (3), pp. 34-47

'Il-Laqqgħa tal-Papa mar-Rappreżentanti mid-Dinja tal-Kultura' (The Pope's Encounter with Representatives from the World of Culture), *Knisja 2000*: 1990 April-May (12), pp. 63-70

'Laqqgħa Ekumenika' (Ecumenical Encounter), *Knisja 2000*: 1990 April-May (12), pp. 83-89

'Djalogu u *Kerygma*: Il-Knisja lejn is-Sena 2000' (Dialogue and *Kerygma*: Towards the year 2000), *Knisja 2000*: 1992 October-December (23), pp. 21-30

'Iz-Żwieg Nisrani-Musulman' (Christian-Muslim Marriage), *Problemi tal-Lum (Today's Issues)*: 1995 October, pp. 209-215

'L-Islam' (Islam), *Knisja 2000*: 1997 October-December (43), pp. 45-54

'It-Talb Ritwali fl-Islam' (Ritual Prayer in Islam), *Knisja 2000* April-June (45), pp. 95-104

'Fides et ratio... according to Averroes', *Knisja 2000*: 1999 July-December (50) [Studies in honour of Prof. Peter Paul Żerafa, O.P.], pp. 133-150

'L-Islam u l-Ktieb Imqaddes Tieghu' (Islam and its Holy Book), an introductory study to the first Maltese translation of the Qur'ân by Edmund Teuma O.F.M. Conv., (Malta: Ċentru Animazzjoni u Komunikazzjoni, 2000).

'Id-Duttrina Eskatologika tal-Qur'ân' (The Eschatological Doctrine of the Qur'ân), *Knisja 2000*: 2000 October-December (54), pp. 57-70

'It-tagħlim tal-Qur'ân dwar l-Angli (Qur'ânic Teachings Concerning the Angels), *Knisja 2000*: 2001 January-March (55), pp. 59-66

'Inter-religious Dialogue and the Evangelizing Mission of the Church', *Knisja 2000*: 2001 (October-December (58), pp. 49-64

'God and Time: Islamic Philosophy and Mysticism', *Angelicum* 2001 (78), pp. 651-668

'Religion and Culture: Dialogue in a Secular Society' *Cultures and Faith* vol. X: 2002 (1), pp. 22-35

- 'Thomas Aquinas and Muslim-Christian Dialogue: An appraisal of *De rationibus fidei*', *Angelicum*: 2001 (80), 177-200
- 'Islam and Modernity', *Oikonomia: Journal of Ethics and Social Sciences* October 2003 (3), pp. 24-36
- 'The *Distinctio realis* between Essence and Existence in the philosophy of Thomas Aquinas', in Anna-Teresa Tymieniecka (ed.) *The Passions of the Soul in the Metamorphosis of Becoming* (Islamic Philosophy and Occidental Phenomenology in Dialogue Series, vol. I) (Dordrecht-The Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2003), pp. 161-170.
- 'Islam and the Challenge of Modernity', *Knisja 2000*: 2004 October-December (70), pp. 49-78.
- 'Ir-Regola ta' Santu Wistin u l-Ordni tal-Predikaturi' (The Rule of Saint Augustine and the Order of Preachers), *Knisja 2000*: 2005 April-June (72), pp. 87-89.
- 'Giudaismo, Cristianesimo, Islam: identità e orientamenti per il dialogo interreligioso', in *Rassegna: Convegni di Cultura Maria Cristina di Savoia*, Anno LVII, Lug/Ott. 2006, pp. 240-253.
- 'Giudaismo, Cristianesimo, Islam: identità e orientamenti per il dialogo interreligioso', in *Rassegna: Convegni di Cultura Maria Cristina di Savoia*, Anno LVII, Lug/Ott. 2006, pp. 240-253.
- 'Secularism, Pluralism and the Rediscovery of Religion', in *The Family, Law, Religion and Society in the European Union* edited by Peter G. Xuereb (Project Co-ordinator), Civil Society Project Report 2006 (Malta: The European Documentation and Research Centre, Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, University of Malta 2006), pp. 37-44.
- 'The Rediscovery of Religion in a Secular Pluralistic Society', *Knisja 2000*: 2006 July-September (77), pp. 69-80
- 'The Presence and Role of Religion in a Consumer Society', in *Business Ethics and Religious Values in the European Union and Malta: For a Moral Level Playing Field*, edited by Peter G. Xuereb (Project Co-ordinator), Civil Society Project Report 2007 (Malta: The European Documentation and Research Centre, Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, University of Malta, 2007), pp. 45-52.
- 'Fondamentalismo religioso e fondamentalismo laicista: il fenomeno dell'islam in Europa', in G.M. Salvati (ed), *Oltre il fondamentalismo e il relativismo: Atti del Convegno, 11-12 maggio 2007*, (Roma: Angelicum University Press, 2007), pp. 79-94.
- 'The Issue of Muslim-Christian Dialogue: *Nostra Aetate* Revisited', *Angelicum*: 2007 (84), 361-382.
- 'Cultural Poverty and the Future of Europe: A Case for Christian Relevance?', *The Fight against Poverty*, edited by Peter G. Xuereb (Project Co-ordinator), Civil Society Project Report 2008 (Malta: The European Documentation and Research Centre, Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, University of Malta, 2008), pp. 281-288.
- 'The Challenge of Religion to Secular Europe and the Role of Interreligious Dialogue', *Knisja 2000*: 2008 October-December (86), pp. 47-68.
- 'The Catholic Church in Malta and Membership in the European Union: Fears-Challenges-Hopes', edited by Peter G. Xuereb (Project Co-ordinator), Civil Society Project Report 2009 (Malta: The European Documentation

- and Research Centre, Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, University of Malta 2009), pp. 189-196.
- 'Muslim Presence in Malta: A Case for Dialogue', in Mark Farrugia (ed.), *Hide and Seek: Reflections on Faith and Culture in Dialogue*, (Malta: MKSU, 2009), pp. 224-230.
- 'The Debate within Islam concerning Philosophy and Religion', *Knisja 2000: 2009 October-December* (90), pp. 65-82.
- 'Marija fil-Qur'ân u fit-twelmin Musulman' (Mary in the Qur'ân and in Muslim Belief), *Knisja 2000: 2010 October-December* (94), pp. 61-74.
- 'L-Istudju fit-Tradizzjoni Dumnikana' (Study in the Dominican Tradition), *Knisja 2000: 2011 January-March* (95), pp. 13-30.
- 'Il-Predikazzjoni Dumnikana' (Dominican Preaching), *Knisja 2000: 2011 January-March* (95), pp. 39-52.
- 'Journeying toward God' in *Christian Lives Given to the Study of Islam*, C. W. Troll, S.J., C. T. R Hewer (New York: Fordham University Press, 2012), pp. 258-268.
- 'The Notion of Good Governance in the Political Thought of Al-Fārābī', *OIKONOMIA*, vol. 12, no. 1 (Febbraio 2013), pp. 4-8.
- 'The Muslim Community and Religious Diversity: Some Reflections Concerning Qur'ân 5:8', *OIKONOMIA*, vol. 12, no. 2 (Giugno 2013), pp. 4-10.
- 'Der Predigerorden und seine frühen Begegnungen mit dem Islam' (The Order of Preachers and its Early Encounters with Islam) in *Orden im Wandel Europas: Historische Episoden und ihre globalen Folgen*, eds. P. Bsteh, B. Proksch & C. Hoffmann (Munster-Wein: Lit, 2013), pp. 146-170.
- 'Il-Mistrieġ tal-Bniedem fid-Dawl tal-Qur'ân' (Human Leisure in the Light of the Qur'ân) *Knisja 2000: 2013 July-September* (105), pp. 7-11.
- 'The Stranger Who Visited Me': The Concept of Hospitality in Islam, *OIKONOMIA*, vol. 13, no. 1 (Febbraio 2014), pp. 43-46.
- 'Ibn Rušd on the Role of Women: A few reflections on his commentary on Plato's *Republic*', *OIKONOMIA*, vol. 13, (Giugno 2014) no. 2, pp. 4-7.
- 'An Ecclesiology of Interreligious Dialogue', *Melita Theologica*, vol. 64, no. 1 (2014), pp. 29-44.
- 'The Order of Preachers and its Early Missionary Endeavours in the Islamic World', *Parole de l'Orient*, 39 (2014), pp. 1-22.
- 'Expressing the Inexpressible: Naming the One God in the *Summa Theologiae* of Thomas Aquinas and in the Writings of Abū Ḥāmid al-Ġazālī', *Nova et Vetera* (English Edition), vol. 12, no. 4 (2014), pp. 1127-1159.
- 'The doctrine on the afterlife in the Qur'ân', *KNISJA 2000: 2014 July-September* (109), pp. 85-97).
- 'The Catholic Identity of Malta after ten Years of Membership in the European Union: Challenges and Prospects', *Reflections on a Decade of EU Membership: Expectations, achievements, disappointments, the future*, Occasional Paper 02/2014 (Malta: University of Malta, Institute for European Studies, 2014).
- 'Human identity and purpose in the Qur'ân', *Poznańskie Studia Teologiczne* 28 (2014), pp. 99-113.
- 'Arab Nationalism: The Rise and Fall of a Century's Dream', *OIKONOMIA*, vol. 14, (Febbraio 2015) no. 1, pp. 16-22.
- 'Secularism and the Mission of the Catholic Church in Malta', *OIKONOMIA*, vol. 14, (Giugno 2015) no. 2, pp. 18-26.

- 'Marriage and the Family in Classical Islamic Jurisprudence', *OIKONOMIA*, vol. 14, (Ottobre 2015) no. 3, pp. 29-34.
- 'The sleepers of Ephesus: From Byzantine narrative to Qur'anic parable', Emmanuel Agius and Hector Scerri (eds), *The Quest for Authenticity and Human Dignity: A Festschrift in honour of Prof. George Grima on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday* (Malta: University of Malta, 2015), pp. 155-176.
- 'Intellectual rigour and piety: Al-Qurṭubī's approach to Qur'anic commentary', *KNISJA 2000: 2015 October-December* (114), pp. 69-88.
- 'The Concept and the Experience of Suffering in the Islamic Tradition', *Teologia i Człowiek* 31 (2015)3.
- 'Religious Discourse and Philosophy: Ibn Rušd and Thomas Aquinas', *Poznańskie Studia Teologiczne* 29 (2015), pp. 27-53.
- 'The Order of Preachers and its early encounters with Islamic scholarship', *KNISJA 2000: 2016 April-June* (116), pp. 51-83).

### **b. Books**

- Growth in Koinonia: Baptism and its relation to the Eucharist in Roman Catholic-Orthodox Ecumenical Perspective* (Rome: Pontificia Stud. Univ. a S. Thoma Aq. in Urbe, 1997), pp. iv+210.
- Iż-Żwieġ u l-Familja fl-Islam* (Marriage and the Family in Islam) (Malta: Pubblikazzjonijiet Dumnikani, 2001), pp. iv + 44.
- Ruzarju Bibliku* (Biblical Rosary) (Malta: Pubblikazzjonijiet Dumnikani, 2003), pp. 100
- Haġa Waħda fi Kristu: L-Ekumenizmu fil-Ħajja tan-Nisrani* (One in Christ: Ecumenism in the Life of the Christian) (Malta: Pubblikazzjonijiet CAK, 2007), pp. 80.
- Il-Għala tat-Tama li Għandna: Twegibiet lil Hutna l-Musulmani* (Accounting for the Hope that is in Us: Responses to our Muslim Brothers) (Malta: Pubblikazzjonijiet Dumnikani, 2009), pp. iii + 64.
- Tommaso d'Aquino e l'Islam*, Prefazione di Jean-Louis Brugues, (Città del Vaticano: Libreria Editrice Vaticana/Circolo San Tommaso d'Aquino, 2010), pp. 79.
- Faħħar, Bierek, Xandar: L-Għan, il-Ħajja u l-Ħidma tal-Ordni tal-Predikaturi* (To Praise, to Bless, to Preach: The Mission, the Life and the Work of the order of Preachers) (Malta: Pubblikazzjonijiet Dumnikani, 2013), pp. viii + 112.
- Mur, u Xandar!: Ħsibijet dwar l-Ordni tal-Predikaturi*, (Go and Preach: Reflections on the Order of Preachers) (Malta: Pubblikazzjonijiet Dumnikani, 2016), pp. ix + 100.

### **c. Book Reviews**

- COMBALÍA, Zoila, *El derecho de libertad religiosa en el mundo islamico* (Navarra [Pamplona] Navarra Gráfica Ediciones, 2001), pp. 279, in *Angelicum*, Vol. 80, Annum 2003 (1), pp. 225-229.
- ERNST, Carl W., *Rethinking Islam in the Contemporary World* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2004), pp. 272, in *New Blackfriars*, Vol. 85, Issue 1000 (October 2004), pp. 654-656.

- DE LIBERA, Alain, *Métaphysique et noétique: Albert le Grand*, (Paris: Librairie philosophique J. Vrin, 2005), pp. 431, in *Angelicum*, Vol. 84, Annum 2007 (1), pp. 227-228.
- THOMAS D'AQUIN, *Commentaire du Livre des causes*, Introduit, traduit et commenté par Béatrice et Jérôme Decossas (Paris: Librairie Philosophique J. Vrin, 2005), pp. 269, in *Angelicum*, Vol. 84, Annum 2007 (2), pp. 490-491.
- JANOS, Damien, *Method, Structure, and Development of al-Fārābī's Cosmology* (Leiden-Boston: E.J. Brill, 2012), pp. xiv + 434, in *Islamochristiana* n. 38 (2012), pp. 350-352.
- GUTAS, Dimitri, *Avicenna and the Aristotelian Tradition*, Second Revised and Enlarged Edition (Leiden-Boston: E.J. Brill, 2014), pp. xxxi + 617, in *Islamochristiana* n. 40 (2014), pp. 344-346.
- ARNALDEZ, Roger, *Aspects de la pensée musulmane*, Préface de Maurice Borrmans, Deuxième édition, Études musulmanes XLVII, (Paris: Librairie Philosophique J. Vrin, 2015), pp. 316, in *Angelicum* Vol.93, Annum 2016 (1), pp. 252-255.

### **Participation in international fora and presentation of papers**

- 4-7 December 1990: Christian-Muslim Colloquium jointly organized by the World Islamic Call Society (Tripoli-LIBYA) and the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue (Vatican City), Islamic Centre – MALTA
- 9-13 September 1991: Islam in Europe Conference organized by the CCEE and KEK, Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham (U.K)
- 20-23 October 1996: Dominican Presence and Dialogue in Muslim Countries of the Mediterranean, Istanbul
- 10-14 April 1999: Joint Committee Meeting between the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue (Vatican City) and Al-Azhar University (Cairo), Al-Azhar University, Cairo
- 4 June 2000: Paper entitled: 'The *Distinctio realis* between Essence and Existence in the Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas', 51<sup>st</sup> International Phenomenology Congress, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (*Angelicum*) – Rome
- 4-6 July 2001: Colloquium organized by the Catholic-Muslim Liaison Committee, Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue Bureau (Rome)
- 15-18 March 2002: Christian-Muslim Colloquium jointly organized by the World Islamic Call Society (Tripoli-LIBYA) and the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue (Vatican City), Islamic Call Society College, Tripoli (LIBYA)
- 24-27 September 2003: Dominican presence and dialogue in Muslim countries of the Mediterranean, Istanbul
- 14 March 2004: Thomas Aquinas Lecture on the theme *Faith and Reason: Al-Ghazali and Thomas Aquinas in Dialogue*, Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC
- 27 February-7 March 2005: Guest Lecturer at Luther College, Decorah-IOWA, *Sense of Vocation Programme*. Guest Speaker at Ecumenical Lecture: *Human Identity and Purpose according to the Qur'ân*, 6 March 2005.

- 17-19 August 2005: Participation in the Journées Romaines Dominicaines - *Muslim and Christian: together before God*.
- 9-12 September 2005: Meeting of the Joint Committee for Relations with Muslims of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences and the Council of European Churches, Chatenay-Malabry, Paris.
- 16-19 March 2006: Meeting of the Joint Committee for Relations with Muslims of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences and the Council of European Churches, Rome.
- 3-6 April 2006: First Meeting of *TRES (Teaching Religion in a European Multicultural Society*, Uppsala (Sweden).
- 26 May 2006: Paper entitled *La percezione di Dio nella filosofia islamica*, Centro di Studi per il Dialogo con l'Islam (Ce.s.d.i), Palermo.
- 23 May 2006: Paper entitled *Secularism, Pluralism and the Rediscovery of Religion*, Conference *The Family, Law, Religion and Society in the European Union*, Civil Society Project, The European Documentation and Research Centre, Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence – Malta.
- 26-29 October 2006: Meeting of the Joint Committee for Relations with Muslims of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences and the Council of European Churches, Rome.
- 3-6 May 2007: Meeting of the Joint Committee for Relations with Muslims of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences and the Council of European Churches. St. Philip's Centre, Leicester. Theme: *The Training of Clergy and Imams in Europe*.
- 11-12 May 2007: Paper entitled *Fondamentalismo religioso e fondamentalismo laicista: il fenomeno dell'islam in Europa*, Conference *Oltre il fondamentalismo e il relativismo* organized by the Faculties of Philosophy and Theology, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) – Rome
- 24 May 2007: Conference: *Il rapporto tra filosofia e religione nell'islam*. Centro di Studi per il Dialogo sull'islam (Ce.s.d.i), Palermo.
- 25-28 October 2007: Paper entitled *The Role of Christian-Muslim Dialogue in an Era of Globalization*, Conference *Christian-Muslim Dialogue in an Era of Globalization* organized by the International Public Association *Saints Methodius and Cyril Christian Education Centre* – Minsk (Belarus).
- 6-9 December 2007: Meeting of the Joint Committee for Relations with Muslims of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences and the Council of European Churches, Berlin.
- 22-24 February 2008: Paper entitled *Giudaismo, Cristianesimo, Islam: identità e orientamenti per il dialogo interreligioso*, Conference *I beni culturali: mediatori di pace coesistenza e sviluppo nell'area euro-mediterranea* organized by Consorzio Universitario Mediterraneo Orientale (C.U.M.O), Noto (Syracuse).
- 17-20 April 2008: Meeting of the Joint Committee for Relations with Muslims of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences and the Council of European Churches, Esztergom-Budapest.
- 4-7 June 2008: Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Vatican City.
- 13 June 2008: Paper entitled *Identità e scopo dell'uomo nel Corano*, Centro di Studi per il Dialogo con l'Islam (Ce.s.d.i), Palermo.

- 20-23 October 2008: Paper entitled *The Role of Religions in a Secular Society*, European Christian-Muslim Conference *Being a Citizen of Europe and a Person of Faith: Christians and Muslims as Active Partners in European Societies*, Mechelen (Malines) Brussels. Member of the Drafting Committee of the Final Statement: *BEING A CITIZEN OF EUROPE AND A PERSON OF FAITH: CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS AS ACTIVE PARTNERS IN EUROPEAN SOCIETIES*.
- 31 October 2008: Paper entitled *The Concept and the Experience of Human Suffering in the Muslim Tradition*, Angelicum-STOQ Lectures, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) – Rome.
- 15-17 December 2008: Paper entitled *Times of Crisis on the Path to Interreligious Relations: A Catholic Viewpoint*, Vatican City. Meeting of the Joint Committee of the Pontifical Council for interreligious Dialogue and the World Islamic Call Society.
- 16 January 2009: Paper entitled *L'antropologia del Corano*, Associazione Teologica Italiana per lo Studio della Morale (A.T.I.S.M.), Rome.
- 7 March 2009: Paper entitled *San Tommaso d'Aquino e il dialogo islamo-cristiano*, Circolo San Tommaso d'Aquino, Aquino (Frosinone).
- 27-29 April 2009: I Meeting of Bishops and representatives of the Bishops' Conferences in charge of the relation with Muslims in Europe, Bordeaux-France.
- 15 May 2009: Paper entitled *The Catholic Church in Malta and Membership in the European Union: Fears-Challenges-Hopes*, Conference on *Malta in the European Union*, Civil Society Project, The European Documentation and Research Centre, Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence – Malta.
- 18 May 2009: Paper entitled *The Identity and Presence of Religion in a Secular Culture*, Colloquium jointly organized by the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and the Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies, Amman (Jordan), 18-20 May 2009.
- 20-22 May 2009: Meeting of members and consultants of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Amman (Jordan).
- 23-29 August 2009: Course held jointly with Prof. Zidane al-Amrânî entitled *Conoscerci e Incontrarci: Spunti per il dialogo tra Cristiani e Musulmani*, Subiaco organized by Nuova Associazione Culturale Accademia, Bologna.
- 22 October 2009: Keynote address entitled *The Prophetic Role of Religion*, Inauguration Ceremony of the Inter-Religious Council of Albania, Tirana, Albania.
- 14 November 2009: Paper entitled *Scienza umana e discorso teologico*, Settimana della Scienza (9-15 November) organized by Consorzio Universitario Mediterraneo Orientale (C.U.M.O), Noto (Syracuse).
- 12 December 2009: Paper entitled *Human Frailty and Divine Sovereignty in the Qur'ân*, Angelicum-STOQ Lectures, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) – Rome.
- 24 June 2010: Colloquium on *The Identity and Role of the family in a Globalized Society: Christian and Muslim Perspectives* hosted by the World Islamic Call Society (Malta Branch), Malta.



- 30 September 2010: Round Table Conference on *Dignitatis Humanae and Interreligious Dialogue*, organized by the Russell Berrie Foundation and the *Unitas Lay Centre*, Centro pro Unione, Rome.
- 3-5 April 2011: Paper entitled *The Order of Preachers and its Encounters with Islam*, Conference on The Charisms of Religious Orders and their Relevance for Interfaith Dialogue, Salzburg-Austria.
- 31 May-2 June 2011: II Meeting of Bishops and representatives of the Bishops' Conferences in charge of the relation with Muslims in Europe, Turin-Italy.
- 19-21 July 2012: Paper entitled *The Order of Preachers and its Early Missionary Endeavours in the Islamic World*, IX Conference on Christian Arabic Studies organized by the Committee of the Syriac and Arab Christian Symposiums, the Aram Society for Syro-Mesopotamian Studies, and the Department of Oriental Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Malta.
- 1-3 May 2013: III Meeting of Bishops and representatives of the Bishops' Conferences in charge of the relation with Muslims in Europe, London-U.K.
- 1-5 July 2013: Paper entitled *Expressing the Inexpressible: Naming the One God in the Summa Theologiæ of Thomas Aquinas and the writings of Abū Hāmid al-Ġazālī*, Conference on The Doctrine of God One and Triune, Thomistic Institute, Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception: Dominican House of Studies, Washington D.C.
- 24 November 2013: Round Table Conference *Giornata dello Spirito*, "Dialogo tra le religioni", Teramo organized by MASCI.
- 25-28 November 2013: Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Vatican City.
- 23-26 June 2014: Paper entitled *Metaphysical and Physical Efficient Causation: Ibn Sīnā and Thomas Aquinas in Dialogue*, Colloquium *Recovering Causality: Historical Sources and Systematic Challenges from a Thomistic Perspective*, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) – Rome.
- 11-16 August 2014: *Dialogue as a Way of Preaching*, Dominican Family JPCC-JRD Joint Conference, Ciputra, Surabaya, Indonesia.
- 13 August 2014: *Strengthening Justice and Peace through Inter-religious Dialogue*, Islamic University Surabaya, Indonesia.
- 13 March 2015: Paper entitled *Freedom of Religion in the Middle Eastern Context: Islam and its Minorities*, Parallel Event organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See, Permanent Observer Mission of the Order of Malta in association with the Caritas in Veritate Foundation, *Freedom of Expression & Freedom of Religion: Peaceful Co-Existence*, United Nations Office, Room XXIII, Geneva
- 24 April 2015: Paper entitled *The Relevance of Religion and the Future of Society: A Christian Perspective*, Ahmadiyya Peace Symposium 2015, Grand Hotel Excelsior, Malta.
- 8 May 2015: Paper entitled *Maria nella Tradizione e nella Devozione Musulmana*, Memoria della dedicazione dell'Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose a Maria *Mater Ecclesiae* (1964), Pontificia Università San Tommaso d'Aquino, Roma.
- 13-15 May 2015: IV Meeting of Bishops and representatives of the Bishops' Conferences in charge of the relation with Muslims in Europe, Saint Maurice, Switzerland.

- 8-10 January 2016: Paper entitled *‘Doing God: Challenges and Hopes for Society in a Post-Secular Age*, International Conference *Do Religions Have a Significance for Europe?* Mala d vorana, Lisinski Concert Hall, Zagreb-Croatia.
- 25-27 February 2016: Paper entitled *Scriptural Prophecy and Islamic Metaphysics*, *Dei Verbum Congress* on the occasion of the 8<sup>th</sup> centenary of the Order of Preachers and of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Constitution *Dei Verbum*, Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), Rome.
- 30 May–16 June: Paper entitled *‘Intellectus quaerens fidem: Seeking a Reason to Believe’*, Institute of Short Term Courses and Sabbaticals (ISTES) Al-Mustafa University, Qom (Iran).
- 13–15 October 2016: Paper entitled *Riccoldo da Montecroce and his Encounter with Muslims: Pilgrimage – Dialogue – Polemic*, 8<sup>ème</sup> Forum Fribourg *Église dans le monde: 800 ans mission et dialogue interreligieux dans la tradition dominicaine*, Université de Fribourg (Suisse).