

APPRECIATION:

THE DEATH OF HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL PROSPERO GRECH (1925-2019)

To all the members and friends of The Association of Lyceum Past Students (ALPS),,

I have to inform everyone, of the sad news, that our most Eminent member within **The Association of Lyceum Past Students (ALPS)**, died unexpectedly today Monday the 30th day of December 2019 . He was admitted into hospital in Rome only a few hours earlier, where he passed away to Eternal Life just two days short of the coming year 2020.

Over the past years since he became Cardinal in 2012, we have been exceptionally close to Cardinal Prospero Grech. He was a very keen member of ALPS and we consider ourselves to have been truly lucky to be honored with his presence on a number of special occasions here in Malta. There were instances, when His Eminence also met with ALPS members and he assisted , to make a presentation to His Holiness Pope Francis when we organized a visit to Rome some years back. We shall never forget his cheerful disposition to meet with the ALPS members and friends who travelled to Rome for a general audience with the Pope. And that was not the only occasion. We have had the pleasure to knock on his door at the Istituto Santa Marta near the Bernini Collonade, when purely by chance a group of ALPS members happened to be visiting the Vatican City whilst taking an excursion from a cruise liner.

All the members and friends of **Ghaqda Ex-Studenti Liceo** can vividly remember his soft spoken homilies whenever we invited him to join us for some special event, like a reunion, or celebrating Holy Mass at a quaint little chapel in Pwales hamlet. He simply loved to be with his Lyceum comrades. The last grand event that we are proud of, was the celebration of Holy Mass at St John's Co-Cathedral Valetta during March 2019 on the occasion of a 25th Anniversary Celebration from foundation date of ALPS. Always a great honor for us to have His Eminence with us and we all treasure some nice memories of his gentle jokes that he shared and narratives from his younger years at The Lyceum Malta.

“ May he Rest in Peace..Amen....”

George Staqno Navarra

President - ALPS