

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED BY THE A.L.P.S.:

A group of 109 members and friends from The Association of Lyceum Past Students have participated in an 'Udienza Generale' in St. Peter's square at the Vatican City on Wednesday 5th November. A.L.P.S. president George dei Conti Stagno Navarra was really pleased to see such a large number joining for this trip. The enthusiasm and the joy could be seen on the faces of all the participants. Some have taken with them their wives and children to this great event. Archbishop Emeritus Mons. Pawl Cremona, himself a Lyceum Past Student was also with the group on this pilgrimage to Rome. Special head caps and shower ponchos with the A.L.P.S. anniversary badge were prepared for the occasion. The Holy Father was only feet away from the Maltese group when he was driven in his Pope Mobile through St Peter's square on the 5th November. This year, happens to be the 20th anniversary of The Association of Lyceum Past Students (1994 -2014). For this special event therefore, the council of administration of A.L.P.S. have come up with the idea of making a monetary presentation to His Holiness Pope Francis. Such money may be directed for special causes that the Pope is assisting throughout the year. Together with His Eminence Cardinal Prospero Grech, our Archbishop Emeritus Mons. Pawl Cremona could personally hand over to the Holy Father, a gift of one thousand euro that came from the hearts of all the A.L.P.S. members and friends of the association who have participated in this short trip to Italy.

After the General Audience in Piazza San Pietro, the A.L.P.S. group visited Tivoli for sightseeing. The next day, the archbishop joined the A.L.P.S. group for an excursion to Montecassino where he also celebrated Holy Mass at the crypt under the Abbey. The group have also taken another excursion to Assisi and in the Basilica of Assisi, Archbishop Emeritus concelebrated Holy Mass with Mons. Paul Vella (who travelled specially from Rome with the Maltese group) and with Fr Charles Baldacchino who made all the necessary arrangements on behalf of A.L.P.S. Mrs. Irene Saliba the wife of Founder President Dr. Guido Saliba did not miss this opportunity, because with the A.L.P.S. members and friends, she also wished to form part of this pilgrimage to Italy.

This year, the Association of Lyceum Past Students have organized many events to commemorate its 20th Anniversary from its foundation date in 1994. It was a dream of the founder President Dr. Guido Saliba LL.D., who was determined to bring together in an association, as many as possible Lyceum Past Students. His dream lives on and today's A.L.P.S. president continues to lead this association to even greater heights. The LICEO has been the main source of educating many illustrious persons who have been leading this Island Nation for many years. In a spirit of friendship and companionship, it is hoped that such enthusiasm may prevail for many more years. A.L.P.S. welcomes all Lyceum Past Students of every age. If you are living abroad you can still become a member and start receiving the ALPS news on regular basis. This years' celebrations will come to an end with a Grand Gala Dinner to be held on the 13th December 2014. Announcements will be made in the association's newsletter for the current month. The A.L.P.S. motto "NIL MEDIOCRITER" makes every member in this association so very proud.

If you are interested to join you can send an e-mail to its secretary general on alpsmalta@gmail.com

