

LIFE & WELLBEING HISTORY



Nazzeno's parents together with his two sisters, Sylvia and Catherine.



Don Nazzeno (seen at the extreme right, top row) at San Gregorio, Catania, together with a group of brothers and Cardinal Augustus Hlonde in 1926.



Don Nazzeno (middle row, eighth from left) next to Archbishop of Malta Michael Gonzi at Dar tal-Kleru, Birkirkara, together with a group of Maltese priests for whom he was leading their annual retreat. Mgr Salv Grima, founder of Dar tal-Kleru, is in the middle row, sixth from left.

Don Nazzeno Camilleri: a shining Salesian beacon



FABIAN MANGION

Don Nazzeno Camilleri was a wonderful figure of a Salesian and a priest. He devoted his life to the teaching of theology and the formation of souls. Equipped with a thoughtful human manner and divine attention, he profoundly enjoyed friendship, appreciated life and human values, and shared in the joys and sufferings of others with exquisite sensitivity.



Nazzeno Camilleri as a young boy and (right) as a young professor at the Salesian University in Rome.

He was balanced and sensible in thought and action, with a clear consistency that knew no compromise. Always available, he knew how to guide souls with wisdom and firmness in the spirit of God with an ease that is the fruit of faith, detachment, humility and abandonment.



His studies at San Gregorio di Catania, Sicily. He was one of the first students of the Salesian Congregation to leave Malta to undertake studies abroad.

appointed professor of theology and prefect of studies at the Salesian oratory, situated close to the catacombs of San Callisto, Rome. He spent two years at San Callisto from 1935 to 1937 teaching and directing the school, attending university, visiting libraries, researching books, writing and discussing with Fr Giuseppe Filograssi SJ, the professor who supervised his thesis.

the love and attachment he had for the Pope and for Don Bosco, the goodness which he showed towards his confrères, the charity he manifested towards all, the simplicity that emanated from his attitude." Camilleri actively participated in three international congresses, namely the Third International Thomistic Congress of Philosophy in 1949, the First General Congress of Religious Orders in 1950 and the First International Pedagogical Congress for Religious Sisters in 1951.

"He possessed a formidable academic mind. In his teachings and writings, he communicated the hope he encountered in philosophy and the grace he acquired from theology"

Camilleri suffered his first heart attack in May 1966. Between June 20 and September 29, 1972, he visited Malta for the last time. Less than five months later, his health deteriorated drastically.



St Alphonsus Institute, Sliema.

He possessed a formidable academic mind. In his teachings and writings, he communicated the hope he encountered in philosophy and the grace he acquired from theology.

Fifty years ago February 25, 1968

GOZITAN GIRLS IN CARNIVAL
"This year's Carnival festivities in Gozo promise to be quite entertaining. One of the companies in costume will, for the first time, include girls. This was something which in the past was frowned upon, but times have obviously changed. In the past the Gozitan woman was relegated to the kitchen sink."

POORLY-PAID HOMEWORKERS
"The news that the employees of the Overseas Knitting and Manufacturing Co. are being given a four shilling increase makes me think of the many Gozitan girls and women who are knitting away garments in their homes and are being very poorly paid. These girls should form a society and then would be able to command the right sort of payment."

TRANSPORT BETWEEN MALTA AND GOZO

"The bus strike is off, and a good thing too. The strike would also have affected transport between Malta and Gozo. The police had announced that for the duration of the strike there would have been only two ferry trips. This is all wrong. Some other arrangements should have been made. Gozo is already suffering from lack of transport between the two islands. A reduction in the number of existing trips because of the bus strike would have caused hardship to many."

Ten years ago February 25, 2008

PN FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENT
Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi yesterday told supporters who flooded Dingli Street in Sliema for the PN's third mass meeting of the electoral campaign that the environment would be a focal point of the next PN government.

SANT ON LABOUR POLICIES RE HEALTH AND CORRUPTION

Addressing the crowd that packed the Granaries in Floriana yesterday, Opposition leader Alfred Sant said that in the health sector, Labour would work with the private sector so that with better management and more resources, waiting lists would be reduced by 15 per cent each year.