Chev. Paul Camilleri Cauchi ORCB S.O.S.J

Paul Camilleri Cauchi is the son of well-known statuary Wistin Camilleri. He was born on the 2nd December 1940 in Victoria. He studied at the Bishop's Seminary, St Anthony's College, and St Michael's Training College. Paul lived all his life in an artistic ambiance in his father's studio. His father instilled in his son artistic ideals and tenets which made Paul prepared to become the artist he is today. He was also fortunate to learn a lot about painting in churches from Professors GB Conti, Briffa, Caruana and Busuttil. These prompted him to attain the standards necessary to establish himself in the artistic field.

At a very young age, Camilleri Cauchi obtained a diploma from the Press Art School in London and a diploma from Accademia di Belle Arti Pietro Vannucci in Perugia. In Italy he participated in different exhibitions and won acclaim for his works. Back in Malta he was employed as a Teacher of Art in Primary and Seconday Schools. In 1973 he had to resign because of winning commissions to embellish our Baroque churches. Churches congregations vied with each other to get the services of Paul. He took part in many exhibitions, personal and collective in Malta, Gozo and abroad. He represented the MYCC in Tokyo Olympic Games 1964 Art Exhbition.

Besides the numerous works throughout the Maltese islands, Paul's paintings are found in most European countries (particularly in Italy), America, Brazil, Canada, Australia, India, Kenya, etc. Camilleri Cauchi has established a name in depicting the Gozo scene and catching the 'local colours', excelling himself in depicting farmers, fishermen and local scenes.

Paul was responsible for the official poster of the 1st Mondial Congress of the Exallievi di Don Bosco in 1988. His works were also presented to Pope John Paul II in different occasions in 1985, 1988, and 1990 during his visit to Malta. Paul was knighted in 1968 in ORCB and in the SOSJ of Jerusalem in 1979 after the death of his father. The Governing Board of Editors of the American Biographical Institute has included him in the 2004/2005 Edition of the *Contemporary Who's Who of Professionals,* and was chosen as *The Man of the Year 2004* by the same institute. In December 2005 Paul was also responsible for the design and setup of the Malta Stamps December Edition. He was also awarded the *Gieh il-Belt Victoria Award* by the Victoria Local Council.

He married Mary Rose Bezzina in 1969 and has two daughters Tiziana and Tiberia.