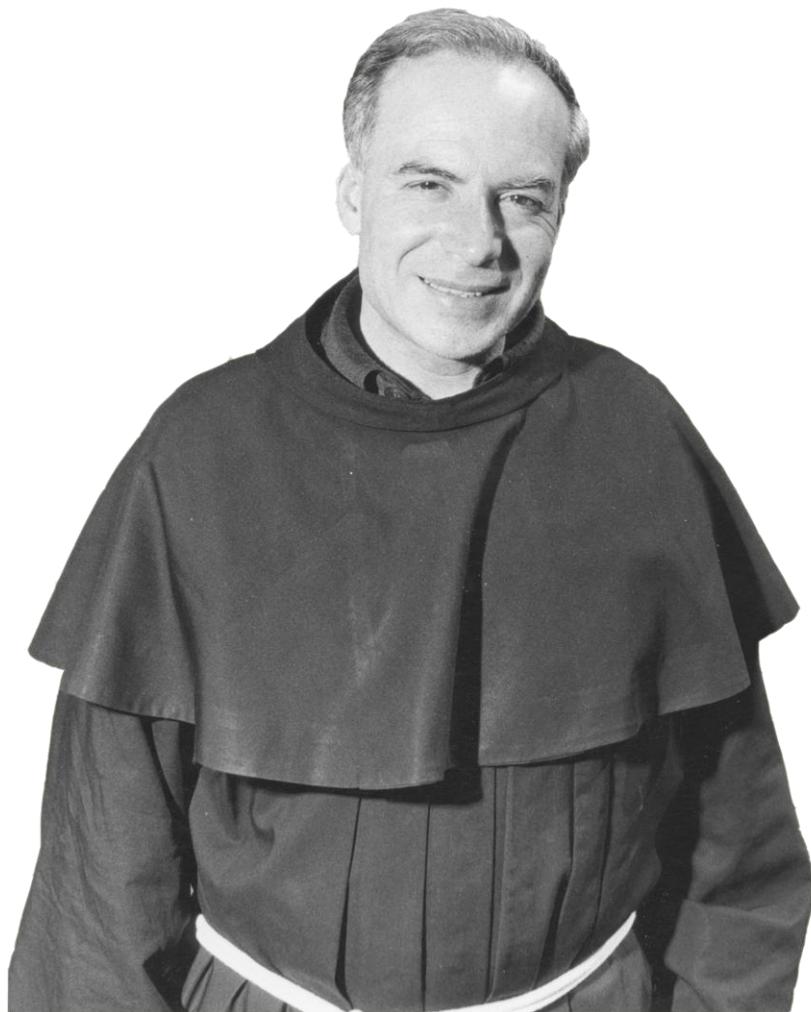


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Books by Father Max Mizzi
and celebrations in Malta and Assisi
to mark the publications

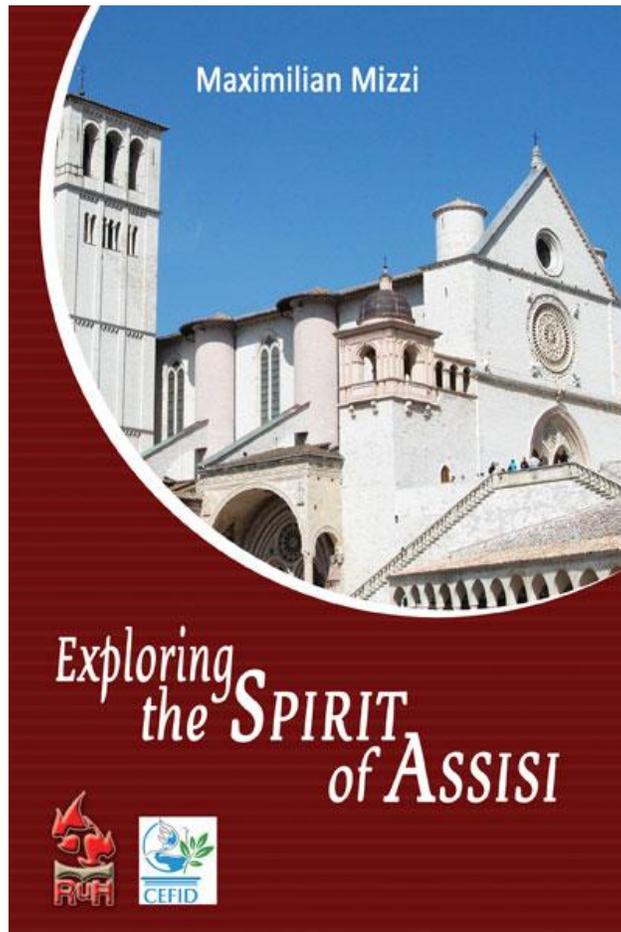


A young Father Max Mizzi

Dear friends of Father Max.

It is a great joy for the Order of the Friars Minor Conventual in Assisi and in Malta and for Assisi Mission that we can now tell you that two books by Father Max Mizzi have been published. On this occasion there will be a book launch both in Malta and in Assisi. The book launches will take place close to the 5 years' anniversary of Father Max's death on March 3, 2008.

These two books are launched:



The English book:

"EXPLORING THE SPIRIT OF ASSISI"

Publishing House: *Reliġjon u Hajja* of the Franciscan Minor Conventuals in Malta
351 pages, 32 pages of colour section insert, hardback. Price euro 22.

The announcement by the publishing house can be opened here:

<http://www.emmausmalta.com/products.aspx?sys=prod-5948> (Will be announced as soon as possible. The book was printed on Friday February 15).

The book can be bought online here: <http://www.emmausmalta.com/Default.aspx>

It will also be possible to buy it in the religious book shops Emmaus in Birkirkara (CAK conference center) and in Slima, Malta. I guess that also the book shop at the Sacro Convento in Assisi will sell the book.

Participants in Assisi Mission's courses and groups in Assisi can also buy the book with me, but I cannot manage to send it. Only during courses and groups meetings in Assisi I can sell the book for cash payment of the 22 euro.

This English book builds on the 21 lectures and interviews which Father Max Mizzi gave to me and to Assisi Mission's groups from 2004-2007.

In the introduction I have written:

During our 6 years of close co-operation and friendship Father Mizzi and I had the great joy and privilege of meeting innumerable groups coming to Assisi from all corners of the world and from various Christian churches and almost all other world religions and cultures. With great joy and gratitude I experienced how the participants were deeply touched by his teaching in the footsteps of St. Francis, and the compassionate love of Jesus, of which he was such a deep instrument. During the years I learnt that his simple and humble teaching from the heart seemed to be even more profound and touching than a highly intelligent and more complicated teaching. Over and over again I heard Father Mizzi repeating the message of love, compassion and charity as the only thing that matters. He always encouraged people to be instruments of peace and love, insisting on God's calling all of us to do something good for humanity and the world. I experienced how his message went directly to the hearts of all the seeking people, and how they all felt encouraged, comforted and on many occasions even transformed by it.

During the work with the lectures I have strongly felt the presence and blessing of Father Mizzi's soul, and I have had the same deep experience of being embraced by the compassionate love of Jesus which I had when Father Mizzi was still physically among us. Sometimes I was in tears and often I was smiling and laughing during the work.

I felt as if both the embracing, compassionate and also joyous love of God was being "built into" the manuscript during my work to help all readers to feel the blessing of Jesus which Father Mizzi's soul still seems to radiate with renewed depth and intensity now that he has been liberated from the tired, painful physical body.

I hope that by reading the following pages you will feel enriched and encouraged to walk in the footsteps of Father Maximilian Mizzi OFM Conv. by being an instrument of peace and love.

The subjects of the lectures and interviews are:

Childhood and Youth
Novice master in Rivotorto
The Mission of Assisi
Ecumenical and Inter-religious Dialogue
Dialogue with Japan and India
Dialogue with Islam
Anecdote about Mother Teresa
Pilgrimages in "the Spirit of Assisi"
Spiritual Guidance
The Passion of Christ
The Holy Spirit
Mysticism
Franciscan Spirituality
Compassion and love

The Relationship between Francis and Clare
Mary, Mother of God
The Rosary
Prayer
Peace
Silence
Contemplative Nuns

As mentioned the book includes about 50 beautiful photos from Father Mizzi's life work and also an introduction by Father Mizzi's brother, Laurence Mizzi. Father Mizzi's prayer for the New Millennium concludes the book.



The Italian book:

“UN FRANCESCO SULLLE STRADE DEL MONDO. MASSIMILIANO MIZZI, PROFETA DEL DEALOGO ECUMENICO E INTERRELIGIOSO”. (A Franciscan on the Streets of the World. Maximilian Mizzi, prophet of ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue).
Publishing house: Edizioni Messaggero Padova, Frati Minori Conventuali
664 pages, Paperback. Price euro 39.

The announcement by the publishing house can be opened here:

<http://www.edizionimessaggero.it/ita/catalogo/scheda.asp?ISBN=978-88-250-3117-1>

The book can be bought online here:

<http://www.libreriadelsanto.it/libri/9788825031171/un-francescano-sulle-strade-del-mondo.html>

It can also be bought in the book shop at the Sacro Convento in Assisi.

The Italian book contains the 188 articles, which Father Mizzi wrote in the Order's magazine, San Francesco Patrono d'Italia, during 29 years, from 1972 to 2003. The book thus provides an outstanding insight into the pioneer mission for ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue, which Father Mizzi started in 1960 in Assisi, and which developed into his visits and participation in meetings all over the world.

BOOK LAUNCHES

Book launch in Malta on Friday, March 1, 2013:

Maximilian Mizzi

EXPLORING THE SPIRIT OF ASSISI

published by "Religjon u Hajja" and CEFID.

Date: Friday March 1, 2013, at 7.30 pm

Place: CAK Conference Hall, Birkirkara, Malta

With the participation of the choir: THE NEW CHORAL SINGERS

1. Music
2. Welcome and introduction: Fr. Paul Darmanin, publisher and director of CAK
3. Music
4. Laurence Mizzi, Fr. Mizzi's brother
5. Music
6. Bente Wolf, curator of the book
7. Music
8. Fr. Silvestro Bejan, publisher and director of CEFID
9. Music
10. Conclusion by Fr. Alfred Calleja, Minister Provincial
11. Music conclusion

Book launch in Assisi on Saturday, March 16, 2013:

MAXIMILIAN MIZZI

A FRANCISCAN ON THE STREETS OF THE WORLD

Initiative promoted on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of Fr. Mizzi's death

Assisi, on the 16th of March 2013

LOWER BASILICA OF ST. FRANCIS IN ASSISI

07.15 am, High Mass of suffrage

THE INTERNATIONAL FRANCISCAN CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE (CEFID)

04 pm, Welcome

Fr. Giuseppe Piemontese, *Custodian of the Sacro Convento in Assisi*

Fr. Edmund Teuma, *Delegate for the Province of Malta*

H.E. Mr. Domenico Sorrentino, *Bishop of Assisi - Nocera Umbra - Gualdo Tadino*

Mr. Claudio Ricci, *Mayor of Assisi*

04.20 pm, Short testimonies

Mr. Francesco Bistoni, *Rector of the University of Perugia*

Mr. Giuseppe Rotunno, *National Secretary of the Committee for a Civilization of Love*

Dr. Abdel Qader, *Imam of Perugia*

04.35 pm, Presentation of the book

"Un francescano sulle strade del mondo. Massimiliano Mizzi, profeta del dialogo ecumenico e interreligioso". (A Franciscan on the Streets of the World. Maximilian Mizzi, prophet of ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue).

Fr. Silvestro Bejan, *delegate general for ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue ofm.conv. and curator of the book*

04.50 pm, Presentation of the book

"Exploring the spirit of Assisi".

Fr. Paul Darmanin and Bente Wolf, *curators of the book*

Moderators:

Fr. Enzo Fortunato, *Director of the press room of the Sacro Convento in Assisi*

Photo exhibition

"Immagini e dialoghi per la pace" (Images of dialogue for peace)

You are naturally most welcome at CAK, Birkirkara or at the CEFID, Assisi.

Invitation to book launch in Malta on March 1, – [click here ..](#)

Invitation to book launch in Assisi on March 16, 2013 – [click here ..](#)

Peace and all good from Assisi

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