



SOVRANO MILITARE ORDINE OSPEDALIERO  
DI SAN GIOVANNI DI GERUSALEMME DI RODI E DI MALTA

IL GRANDE OSPEDALIERE

Rome, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Your Excellencies,  
Dear Confreres,  
Dear All,

Considering the current situation due to the Covid-19 pandemic which is affecting us all and changing our usual way of living as well as the difficulty to foresee which measures and restrictions will be in force next November in our respective countries and especially in Israel and Palestine, with regret, the Sovereign Council has decided to postpone the International Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, originally scheduled from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020, to the same period in November 2021, from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

It has been a hard decision to make, which comes after other difficult steps we have already taken, but next year, when we will be together again in the Holy Land, we will have grown stronger in our mission and more conscious of our possibilities.

Now it is the time to care for our families, friends and Malades, to pray for those who are suffering and to help those who are in need.

May the current Easter time be full of all God's blessings and of the hope of a new beginning for us all.

Your confraternally,

Dominique de La Rochefoucauld-Montbel

To the kind attention of:

- the Procurators of the Grand Priories
- the Regents of the Sub-Priories
- the Presidents of the National Associations
- the Ambassadors
- the Representatives of the Relief Organisations
- National Coordinators of the International Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of the Sovereign Order of Malta