



## ABOUT THE ORDER OF MALTA

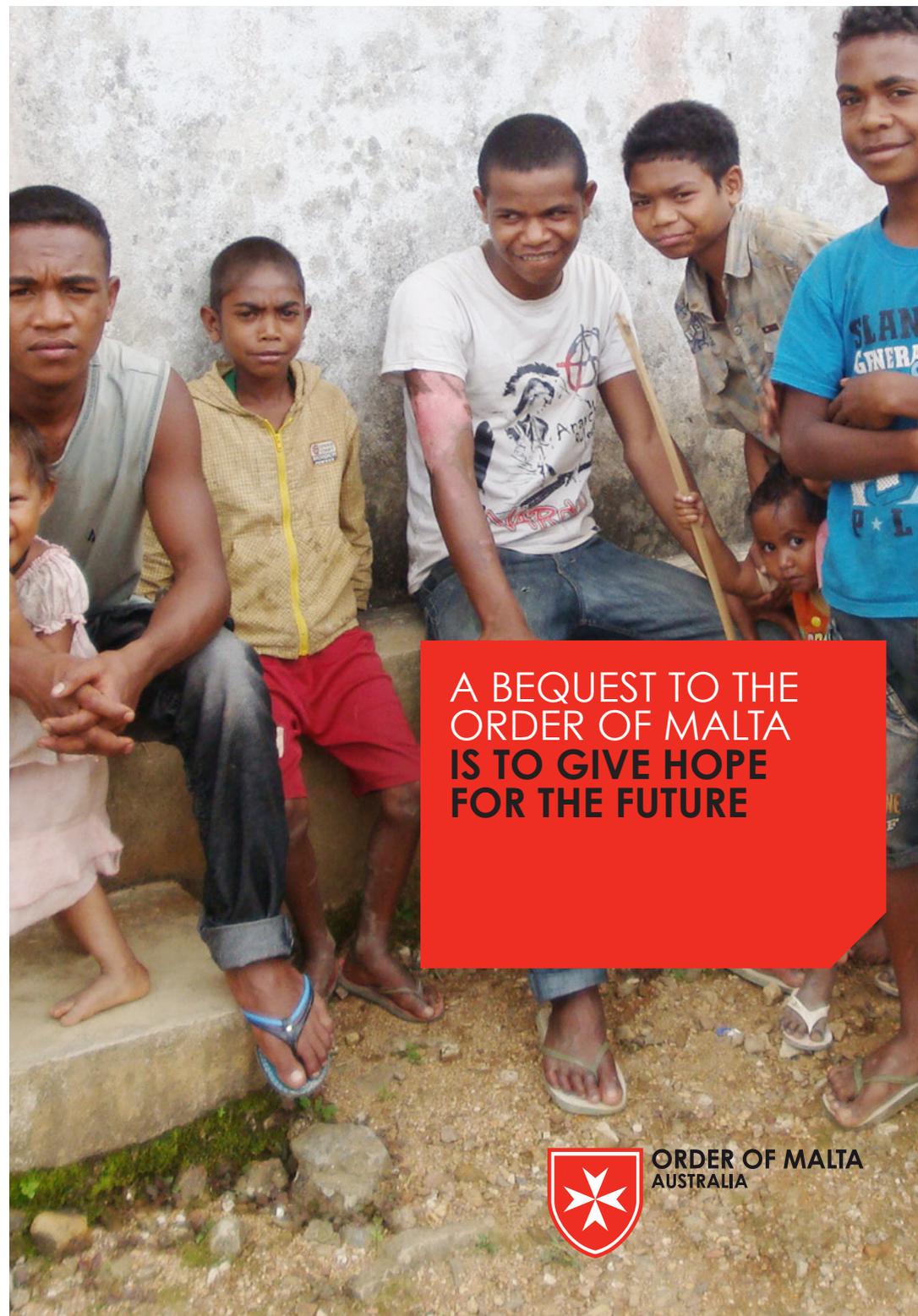
The Order of Malta is a lay order of the Catholic Church and is active in 120 countries where its 47 National Associations initiate and sustain projects designed to deliver emergency aid, healthcare training and education for those in greatest need, remaining true to its 900-year old tradition of providing care with compassion.

To undertake our humanitarian activities we depend entirely on the generosity and kindness of individuals who make charitable donations. Please support us today.



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOSPITALLER

Most of you reading this are aware of the Order of Malta and its commitment to assist the poor, needy and the sick. The Order has been doing this for almost 1,000 years. In true hospitaller tradition, we respond to major international disasters as well as establish centres providing long-term medical, social and humanitarian aid throughout the world.

One of the great strengths of the Order of Malta in the twenty-first century is its international reach. As a Sovereign body in International Law, it is unique in having permanent diplomatic accreditation in over 100 countries as well as being accorded permanent observer status at the United Nations.

This allows the Order to navigate political obstacles and national boundaries which might otherwise hinder our efforts to deliver help to those most in need in a completely neutral and impartial way. There are few other organisations in such a strong position to initiate change for the most vulnerable people in the world.

This influence also presents us with a responsibility and an ongoing challenge. How do we sustain these projects? How do we undertake new ones?

Since the Australian Association of the Order of Malta was established in 1973, we have undertaken projects across Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. The work we do relies entirely on the generosity of members and friends. Leaving a bequest to the Order enables us to continue the humanitarian efforts to which we are committed.

By remembering the Australian Association of the Order of Malta in your Will, you are ensuring that you and we together can continue to serve the sick and the poor for the years to come.

On behalf of all those we help, I thank you.



Dr Ian Marshall AE

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING A WILL

If you die without a Will, your Estate will be divided according to law. By making a Will you have a say in how your assets will be distributed and you can protect those close to you from additional worry, expense and unnecessary legal disputes.

## THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING YOUR WILL

- \* **Choosing Executors** – These people will be responsible for carrying out your wishes and it is recommended that you ask them if they are willing to accept the responsibility.
- \* **Keeping your Will up to date** – It is important to review your Will every few years to ensure that the content is still valid. A Will that does not reflect current family status, such as marriage, birth of a child, death of a loved one or divorce can be invalid.
- \* **Witnesses** – Your Will requires the signature of two people over 18 who are not beneficiaries or the immediate family of a beneficiary. This is in case your Will should be contested.
- \* **Seeking professional help** – We suggest that you consult an expert such as a solicitor to make or adjust your Will. They will be able to guide you through the process, advise you on the tax implications of any decisions you make and help you avoid errors that would render the Will invalid.



\$4,500 will fund the schooling of 30 disabled children for a year in Timor-Leste. This would include the costs of their uniforms, books and transport to and from school each day.



\$1,000 will buy 20 specially designed coats for homeless Australians who are unable to find shelter in emergency accommodation.



## REMEMBERING THE ORDER OF MALTA IN YOUR WILL

There are a number of ways that you can remember the Order of Malta in your Will:

- \* **Cash Bequest** – where you designate a specific sum of money to be given to the Order
- \* **Percentage Bequest** – where you leave a percentage of your Estate
- \* **Residual Bequest** – allows you to provide for those close to you, pay any debts and taxes and then the remainder of your Estate can be left to the Order
- \* **Contingent Bequest** – is conditional on a certain event occurring before distribution to the beneficiary. The most common example of this is if your spouse passes away before you
- \* **Life Insurance or Superannuation Policies** – subject to the terms of the policies, you can make the Order the beneficiary of an insurance or superannuation policy

## INCLUDING THE ORDER IN YOUR EXISTING WILL

If you have an existing Will and would like to include a bequest to the Order, you can do so by the addition of a codicil. Just like a Will, it is a legal document and must be signed and witnessed.

## SUGGESTED WORDING TO MAKE A BEQUEST TO THE ORDER OF MALTA

Your solicitor may find the following helpful in preparing your Will:

I GIVE to the Australian Association of the Order of Malta Limited (ACN 142 209 121):

- 1 The whole (or X%) of the residue of my estate
- 2 X% of my estate
- 3 The sum of \$(amount); or
- 4 (details of specific assets)

To be paid to the Australian Association of the Order of Malta Limited (ACN 142 209 121) to be received and applied to such of the works of the Australian Association of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta as the Executive Council of that Association shall determine, free of all duties and taxes payable upon or in consequence of my death; and

I DIRECT that the receipt of the Treasurer of the above Association shall be a good and sufficient discharge of my Trustee(s)/Executor(s).



\$35,000 will purchase a second hand Ambulance for Timor-Leste Ambulance Service.

## IN MEMORIAM TRIBUTES

When a loved one passes away, an In Memoriam donation is a beautiful way to acknowledge their passing and such a lasting tribute can help to bring consolation at a time of grief to surviving friends and relatives.

Many people, for example, arrange an In Memoriam donation in lieu of giving flowers. If you would like donations to be made in your memory, please let those close to you know.

For more information on 'In Memoriam' donations, please contact;

**Email:** info@smom.org.au

**Telephone:** 02 9331 8477

### Write to us at:

In Memoriam Donations  
The Order of Malta  
PO Box 257  
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## HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

By leaving us a legacy, no matter what size, you allow us to better plan for the future. With guaranteed funds in place, we can look to expand and develop our humanitarian activities with confidence.

If you intend to leave a legacy please take a few minutes to complete and return the Pledge Form opposite. Please be assured all pledges will remain confidential.

Thank you for your continued support of the Order.

## PLEDGE FORM

Please take a few minutes to complete and return this form.

Title:  First name:

Last name:

Address:

State:  Post code:

Telephone:

Today's date:

Please tick as appropriate:

- I have already included a gift to the Order of Malta in my Will
- I intend to include the Order of Malta in my Will
- I would like to discuss making a bequest. Please phone me

The following information is optional but would be hugely helpful to us in planning for the future. My gift will be:

- The residue of my estate
- % share of my estate
- The sum of \$
- An item, or items of value (please state)

*Thank you* for your support.

### PLEASE RETURN TO:

The Treasurer  
The Order of Malta  
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