



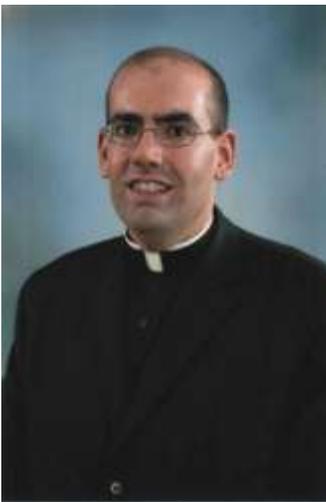
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3RD ANNUAL FEDERAL ASSOCIATION TEXAS RETREAT

NOVEMBER 9 - 11, 2012
MONTSERRAT JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE - LAKE DALLAS, TEXAS

REV. BRENDAN GATT, JCL - *retreat director*
Rector of Our Lady of Mother of the Church
Diocese of Malta, Republic of Malta

The Mustard Seed Within You (Luke 17:6) *Reaching Out and Touching God in the Year of Faith*



Fr. Brendan Gatt was born in Malta and received his education at De La Salle College. In 1997 he entered the Archbishop's Seminary and, as part of his formation, spent six months doing pastoral work in the parish of Our Lady of Mercy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, an experience he cherishes to this day. He was ordained a priest on the 29th of June, 2004 and in September of the same year was sent to Rome to pursue further studies in Canon Law at the Pontifical Gregorian University, whilst residing at the Venerable English College. In June 2007 he obtained a *summa cum laude* Licentiate in Canon Law (JCL); the following October he enrolled in the Doctoral program at the same university and embarked on research concerning the subject of relative incapacity for marriage. During the 2008-2009 Academic Year he was one of 14 students accepted for the Gregorian University's highly-specialized diploma course in Canonical Jurisprudence. He continues to work on his Doctoral Dissertation and hopes to conclude in the coming months.

In June 2009 he returned to Malta to work full-time as Defender of the Bond and Promoter of Justice at the Metropolitan Tribunal, whilst lending his pastoral assistance in his home parish of Mosta, particularly as Rector of the pastoral zone of Our Lady Mother of the Church. He also helps out as spiritual director of various prayer groups within the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and is frequently invited to preach retreats and conferences. In this ministry – which he loves- he takes as his inspiration the words "Always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15). On the eve of his Ordination he prayed that throughout his life he would always be an apostle of joy; appropriately, his favorite line from Scripture is "Rejoice in the Lord Always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)

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