CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY, VALLETTA

Members of the Confraternity of the Rosary founded long ago at the Dominican Church, Valletta, not only performed its devotional duties to promote the Holy Rosary, and to assist each other in time of need, but since the Order of St. John they also adopted the duty of catering for the needs of those condemned to death following a crime. They went round the streets collecting for the material and spiritual needs of the condemned, ensured administration of last sacraments, and accompanied him to the gallows. They later buried his body and besides masses, helped his family financially.