



CELEBRATING THE  
**ORDER OF SAINT AGATHA  
& AMBASSADOR INIGO  
LAMBERTINI**

London, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024











Ambassador HE Mr Inigo Lambertini and  
Ambassador HE Mrs Daniela Rotondaro

## CELEBRATING THE ORDER OF ST AGATHA & HE MR INIGO LAMBERTINI AMBASSADOR OF ITALY TO THE UK

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Consulate of San Marino hosted a truly memorable event. We were honoured to celebrate the awarding of the Order of Saint Agatha at the rank “Commander” to His Excellency Ambassador Inigo Lambertini of the Republic of Italy to the UK.

San Marino boasts a rich history and a cherished tradition of recognising foreign citizens who have made significant contributions. The Order of Saint Agatha, bestowed upon individuals who have enriched the republic through charitable works, industry, or cultural exchange, exemplifies this tradition.

Consul Bragagni had the pleasure of organising the ceremony, graced by the presence of Her Excellency Ambassador Daniela Rotondaro of the Republic of San Marino to the Italian Republic. Carefully selected friends and colleagues, including members of the diplomatic corps and British nobility, further enriched the gathering.

Following Consul Bragagni’s welcoming address, Ambassador Rotondaro officially presented the medal to Ambassador Lambertini. On behalf of San Marino’s Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Dr. Luca Beccari, she thanked Ambassador Lambertini. She highlighted his instrumental role in strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two countries. She acknowledged Italy’s unwavering support, particularly during challenging times for San Marino.





Lef to Right - Ambassador H.E Dr Francesco Bongarrà, Mr Nicolò Biscottini, Admiral Angelo Viridis, Ambassador HE Mrs Evelyne Genta, Mrs Maria Grazia Lambertini, Ambassador HE Mr Inigo Lambertini, Ambassador HE Mrs Daniela Rotondaro, Mr Riccardo Smimmo, Consul General Mr Domenico Bellantone, Lady Russell of Liverpool, Mrs Marina Smimmo, Mrs Dominique Antonioni and Consul Prof Maurizio Bragagni OBE





IL CONSIGLIO GRANDE E GENERALE  
della Serenissima Repubblica di San Marino

Ha Decretato del Gran Magistrale dell'Ordine Sacerdote in San Marino della Costituzione 2022

**HA NOMINATO**  
l'Anticavaliere Inigo Lambertini - residente a Roma  
Commendatore

del Gran Magistrale di San Marino con l'incarico di Comandante della Divisione San Marino, incarico per il quale è stato nominato e confermato.

**HA NOMINATO**  
il Cavaliere Inigo Lambertini

per la sua opera di rappresentanza e di promozione della Repubblica di San Marino.

San Marino, 12 settembre 2022

Mrs Maria Grazia Lambertini, Ambassador HE Mr Inigo Lambertini and Ambassador HE Mrs Daniela Rotondaro



Ambassador HE Mr Inigo Lambertini and Consul Prof Maurizio Bragagni OBE

Expressing his deep appreciation for this prestigious honour, Ambassador Lambertini reaffirmed his commitment to further solidify ties between San Marino and Italy through continued collaboration.

A delightful reception with champagne and light refreshments ended the ceremony. It provided an excellent opportunity for guests to elaborate further on the Order of Saint Agatha and friendship among the countries. This distinguished honour reminds us that contributions to San Marino extend far beyond grand political or military gestures.

Above all, the Order of St Agatha recognises the dedication of individuals who, through their efforts in their field of expertise, have offered support to San Marino institutions and developed friendly relations with its people.







Consul Prof Maurizio Bragagni OBE and Ambassador HE Mr Inigo Lambertini





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Top Right Image - Ms Zilah Skerritt, Mr Nicolò Biscottini, Dr Lorenc Xhaferaj, and Ms Dominique Antonioni;  
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Ambassador H.E Inigo Lambertini and Ambassador HE Mrs Daniela Rotondaro



Guests enjoying reception and networking during the OSA Ceremony







Ambassador HE Mr Inigo Lambertini and Consul Prof Maurizio Bragagni OBE





Mrs Maria Grazia Lambertini, Ambassador HE Mr Inigo Lambertini and Consul Prof Maurizio Bragagni OBE





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## THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF SAINT AGATHA

The Equestrian Order of Saint Agatha is a State Order established by the Grand and General Council of the Republic of San Marino on 5 June 1923. The Order was reformed by decrees of 15 September 1923 and 9 June 1925.

It is named after Saint Agatha, patron of the Republic, on whose feast day of the 5th of February, Pope Clement XII re-established the sovereignty of the Republic in 1740.

It is an Order of merit awarded to foreign nationals who have positively contributed charitable and other services either for outstanding civil or military services to the Republic or for humanitarian, artistic, political or sporting accomplishments.

The Equestrian Order of Saint Agatha is conferred by the Grand and General Council on the proposal of the Most Excellent Regency of the Republic of San Marino. It has 5 ranks: Grand Cross; Grand Officer; Commander; Officer; Knight.











## SAINT AGATHA

Saint Agatha died in defence of her purity, in Catania, Sicily, where she was born. After Quintanus, the governor of Sicily, tried in vain to force her to consent to sin, she was imprisoned for a month with an evil woman.

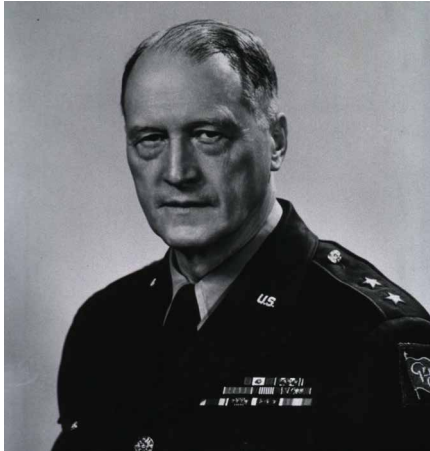
He then turned from sensuality to cruelty and had her breasts cut off, but that night Agatha was healed by St. Peter. She was then rolled over sharp stones and burning coals and finally taken to prison where she died while praying. Her name appears in the Roman Canon.

Saint Agatha is the patron of San Marino, Malta, and of provinces of Catania and Palermo in Italy, and Zamarramala in Spain. As well she is the patron of bell founders; breast cancer; breast disease; firefighters; earthquakes; eruptions of Mount Etna; fire prevention; jewellers; martyrs; nurses; rape victims; single laywomen; sterility; torture victims; volcanic eruptions.

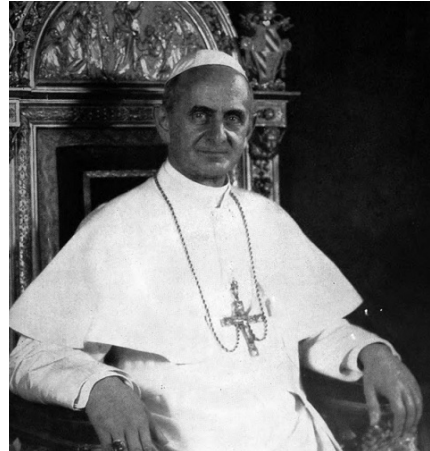




## PROMINENT PEOPLE



On 4 June 1925, **Major General Edgar Erskine Hume** was awarded the Officer of the Equestrian Order of St. Agatha. He served in the U.S. Army medical corps, as well he was a writer and amateur ornithologist. At the time of his retirement from the Army, he was the most decorated medical officer in American history.



On 19 May 1932, **Mons. Giovanni Battista Montini** was awarded Grand Officer of the Equestrian Order of St. Agatha. Montini played an important role in the planning of the Second Vatican Council, serving on the Central Preparatory Commission and the Technical-Organizational Commission. On June 21, 1963, Montini was elected pope on the sixth ballot of voting, taking the name Paul VI.



On 22 November 1934, **His Royal Highness Edward Albert Prince of Wales**, the future King Edward VIII, was awarded the Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of St. Agatha. The insignia of the order were delivered directly into the hands of the Prince during an official audience at Buckingham Palace by San Marino Consul General in London, Melvill Jamieson.



On 22 November 1934, **King Eduard VII** was awarded the Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of St. Agatha. Edward VII was Prince of Wales and heir apparent to the British throne for almost 60 years. He fostered good relations between Britain and other European countries, especially France.



On June 10, 1968, **Giulio Andreotti**, was awarded the Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of St. Agatha. He was one of the most skilful and powerful politicians of Italy in the era after World War II. Over a 20-year period, he was a leading figure in the Italian Christian Democratic Party (DC) and served as Prime Minister of Italy several times.



On April 6th, 2020, **Rt Hon Theresa May MP** was awarded the Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of St. Agatha. The Republic of San Marino has recognised the Rt Hon Theresa May MP's merits not only as a former UK Prime Minister and a strong woman in UK politics but as well in promoting and protecting the rights of women and girls worldwide.



On 6 April 2020, **Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP** was awarded the Grand Officer of the Equestrian Order of Saint Agatha. The Republic of San Marino has recognised his merits in promoting San Marino's best interests in the UK and dedicated work in leading his own charity & supporting other charities worldwide.



## SAN MARINO

Located in Southern Europe, the Republic of San Marino is an enclave in central Italy overlooking the Adriatic Sea, with a territory of 61km<sup>2</sup> and about 33,000 inhabitants.

It is the oldest sovereign state and constitutional Republic in the world, founded on 3 September 301 A.D.

San Marino is a parliamentary Republic with two Captains Regent (Heads of State) and a Parliament composed of 60 members. The official language is Italian and the currency Euro.

Every year more than 2 million tourists visit San Marino, which has been recognized by UNESCO as an exceptional testimony to the institution of a representative democracy based upon civic autonomy and self-government, having been the capital city of an independent Republic since the 13th century with unique continuity and without interruptions.















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