



Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard

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Fr. Gérard T. Lagleder was invested as a
Magistral Chaplain in the **Sovereign Military
Hospitaller Order of St. John** of Jerusalem
of Rhodes and of Malta, shortly referred to
as the Order of Malta.

CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Gérard Lagleder, President of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard, Mandini, kwaZulu/Natal was invested as a Chaplain of the Order of Malta on the 24th October, 1994 while on home leave in Germany. When Fr. Gérard became a Benedictine monk the newspaper article said "A Maltese becomes a Benedictine" and now we can say "A Benedictine becomes a Maltese". By serving God both as a Benedictine monk and a Chaplain of the Order of Malta, Fr. Gérard is uniting the two most important ideals of his life, that of protecting the faith and serving the poor. The Benedictine motto being "ora et labora" (= pray and work) and the Brotherhood motto being "tuitio fidei et obsequium pauperum" (= protection of faith and service to the poor) - both meaning just that. By being invited to join the Order of Malta an almost lifelong dream has been fulfilled, having been involved with the German Maltese organisation, [Malteser-Hilfsdienst](#), for more than twenty five years. We, the members of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard, are extremely proud to have a Magistral Chaplain of the Sovereign Order of Malta as our president. We extend our sincere congratulations to Fr. Gérard and wish him God's richest blessings in his work in South Africa.

LEADERSHIP

The first term of office of our Executive Council ended on 5 November 1994. The Council of the Dedicated Members has given a vote of confidence to the President and re-elected the other office bearers.
