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## Archbishop celebrates holy mass at the Malta Chamber

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Members of the Malta Chamber attended Holy Mass which was celebrated by H.G. the Archbishop of Malta Mgr Charles J. Scicluna at the Exchange Buildings on Tuesday.

The Mass was the first in a series of events the Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry is organising to mark its 170th anniversary since its establishment in 1848.

Congratulating the Chamber on the special occasion, the Archbishop expressed his appreciation for the invitation to celebrate Mass and said that the business community had a great responsibility to uphold in today's society.

In a special message he imparted to the business community, Mgr Scicluna said that commerce in Malta ought to be an example of best practice. It should be based on the four principles of good governance, integrity, respect towards the dignity of the workers and the common good.

The Archbishop urged the business community to remain vigilant and ascertain that the root of economic growth is not based on any commercial activity that creates dependencies or reduce the dignity of others.

His Grace went on to congratulate the Chamber for the way it expresses itself from time to time on matters of social importance. "Your voice is very important", the Archbishop said.

Concluding his homily, the Archbishop encouraged the Chamber to continue to create an environment of trust and freedom, in which commerce could thrive.

The mass, which was held in the Agostino Portelli Hall, was then followed by a reception.

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