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QUESTIONS ON THE M.U.S.E.U.M CATECHETICAL CENTRES IN BIRKIRKARA

Birkirkara is divided into five different parishes: St. Helen, St. Joseph the Worker, Fleur de Lys, Santa Maria and Swatar. In each parish there is a catechetical centre for girls. In St Helen's parish there are three.

The Superior General and her Council have decided to close down two centres and the reason brought forward is that for many years they had to face a lack of vocations and that they do not have enough catechists available.

The Archbishop and some of his delegates and parish priests involved have met both with the Superior General about the matter and even among themselves in order to find an alternative plan to continue providing adequate catechetical formation.

The Church greatly appreciates the mission accomplished and still being accomplished by the M.U.S.E.U.M. members, both males and females, throughout a whole century, across the Maltese Islands. However, it is always sad to close a centre belonging to a catholic association or movement or a religious house.