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The Newsletter of the Illinois Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums

Patrons on the Move

The President's Corner



I think it was the Canadian philosopher, Marshall McLuhan, who first coined the phrase “global village.” McLuhan was pointing to the way the once far-flung world had come near at hand.

Communication media and the internet have brought the many communities of the earth within reach of one another. This has affected every sector of society. But the advent of the global village has also changed the artistic landscape.

The Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums are part of a global village that seeks to restore works of art from the history of humanity.

This past year, the Illinois Patrons brought new members, and programs and opportunities. Below are some of the highlights of these programs, as well as information on what’s ahead for 2018.

I am grateful that we are walking together in our “global village.”

All my best,

Anne Shea

Welcome to our New Board Secretary



Susan Miller Overbey is the newest member of the Illinois Chapter Board of Directors. Susan began her tenure as Board Secretary in February 2018. Susan is a partner with Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella's Consumer Financial Services Litigation, Class Action Defense, Religious Organizations , and Not-for-Profit Organizations practice group.

Welcome Susan!

Illinois Patrons' Newest Events

Members Only Events

The Illinois Chapter held their first members-only program on October 19th at the Art Institute of Chicago. The evening began in the galleries viewing five paintings. Rebecca Long, Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Associate Curator in the Department of European Painting and Sculpture, the Art Institute of Chicago, shared the artistic and historical viewpoints, while John Shea, theologian, shared a theological perspective. A reception was held afterwards at Terzio Piano.

This was a wonderful event and an added benefit for Patrons' members. In fact, it was so well received that a second event was held on February 22nd this year.

A Lenten Exercise was the theme for February. Six paintings were viewed. Father Louis Cameli, Archbishop Delegate for Formation and Mission in the Archdiocese of Chicago at Holy Name Cathedral joined Rebecca Long and John Shea, all sharing their expertise in the artistic, historical, and theological perspectives. Again, fellowship was shared by all at Terzio Piano.

October 19, 2017



February 22, 2018



Illinois Patrons' Past Events

4TH ANNUAL ART & FAITH SERIES
Keeping Faith Alive:
The Patrons and Restoration of Art



The evening began in St. James Chapel with Monsignor Terence Hogan, North American Patrons Director, and Heather Becker, CEO, The Conservation Center, sharing their insights on conservation and restoration. Cardinal Cupich ended the lecture with his thoughts. The rain held out and everyone enjoyed a reception of food, drink and music in the Quigley courtyard. The evening also included a Silent Auction to help benefit the Associates' current restoration.

Thank you to the following who helped sponsor the event:

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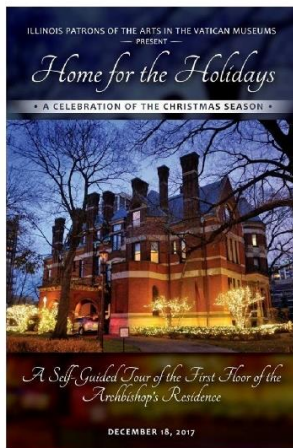
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December 18, 2017

Our holiday event was hosted at the The Archbishop's Residence and the Residence was highlighted as the theme of the event. Attendees were able to take a self-guided tour throughout the first floor, which showcased many of the architectural details, paintings and furnishings. Many photos of past residents and architectural designs of the building were provided throughout the first floor as well.



Cardinal Cupich joined the Patrons for the evening and provided additional history and stories about the Residence. The Illinois Chapter was also pleased to have Father Kevin Lixey, L.C., International Director of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums join the event.

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Angel Sponsors:

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Cynthia & Robert Piech, Anne & Jack Shea,
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Mario Minotti



Illinois Patrons' Restoration Updates

Tapestry with the Wedding of Emperor Luis XIV

(in honor of Cardinal Cupich)

Total Cost: \$266,000



Artist: Le Gobleins after Charles Le Brun

Date: 1725-1728

Dimensions: 383x565 cm

Materials: Silk, wool, and gold thread

Total Cost: \$266,000.00

Inventory No.: 43752

Pledged in April 2016, this is the Patrons' current restoration project being restored in honor of Cardinal Cupich. Once the restoration is completed, the Patrons will be working with the Vatican to bring the tapestry to Chicago for exhibition. ***Funds committed to date: \$178,125; funds needed: \$87,875.00.***

Associate Patrons' News



The Associates' Annual Spring Social was held on March 21, 2018, at Gibson's Bar & Steakhouse. A silent auction was held to benefit the current Associates' Restoration and raised \$775!

Thank you to the following who helped sponsor the event:

Archangel Sponsors: Reverend Edward Grace, Jan Koors & Jay Tremblay, Darren Milanowicz, Mario Minotti

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Associates Restoration Project - Update



The Associate Patrons fundraising efforts for their second project, *Thirteen figurative Attic vases from the Astarita Room*, began in 2017 during their March 8th, Annual Spring Social. The cost of the restoration is \$16,325.00.

Funds raised to date total \$11,799. These funds have been raised from the 2017 Annual Spring Social, Silent Auction during the Patrons' Art & Faith Lecture Series in July, the Londo Mondo shopping event, the 2018 Annual Spring Social and individual donations.

The remaining funds needed to complete the Associates' commitment is \$4,526.

To make a donation towards this restoration project, you can visit the website or call the Patrons' office for more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

5th Annual Art & Faith Lecture Series:
The Art of Conservation: Restoring El Greco's
The Assumption of the Virgin Mary

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Associates' Event in Conjunction with Young Adult Engagement - Archdiocese of Chicago

Monday, November 26, 2018

Silent Nights Holiday Event

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