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ART AS A CARRIER OF FAITH

Illinois Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums

Over the past ten years, the Illinois Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums have developed an initiative of holding together art and faith in all their programming. This initiative is critical to achieve their mission. Pope Francis tells us the importance of doing this. “Contemplating great art, which expresses the faith, helps us rediscover what truly matters in life. In leading us both within and above ourselves Christian art points us to the love that created us, to the mercy which saves us, and to the hope that awaits us. In today’s troubled world, unfortunately so often torn and damaged by selfishness and the thirst for power, art represents, perhaps even more than in the past, a universal need because it is a source of harmony and peace.”



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