

15 NEW EXHIBITION CASES FOR THE COFFIN COLLECTION

Total Cost € 3.335,00 each



The Gregorian Egyptian Museum preserves one of the most important collections of coffins from the Third Period of Egyptian History (1070-712 BC) in the world. The most significant part of this rich collection of wooden funerary boxes is on exhibit in Room VIII of the Egyptian Gregorian Museum. The Patrons have already supported the restoration of various pieces of this important sarcophagi collection.

These coffins are decorated with the rich iconography of Egyptian religious thought in relation to the everlasting destiny of the deceased. While each sarcophagus illustrates parts of the owner's life on earth, they are also designed to directly address the type of afterlife he or she was expected to enjoy within the cycle of the eternal regeneration of the god Ra-Osiris.

A considerable number of these coffins are still in storage due to a lack of display space.

The Vatican Museums would like to restructure this particular storage area, creating new plexiglas display cases for the sarcophagi and installing an adequate climate control system. The storage room will eventually be open to visitors and scholars as a place of research and study.

We would like to build 15 bi-level displays cases. The upper plexiglas shelf will showcase the lid of the sarcophagus while the lower shelf will display the case in order for the visitors to see both the exterior and interior decorations.

