



Dear Patrons,

As I script this letter to you, I cannot help but reflect on the millions of people we welcomed this past year and how the Patrons of the Arts have brought joy, inspiration and touched each and every single person that walked into the Vatican Museums. As Director of the Vatican Museums, that is precisely the goal and mission I strive to achieve. This could not be so successful without you. Thanks to your generosity, some of the most famous masterpieces on the globe have been restored: the Sistine Chapel, the Raphael Rooms, the Borgia Apartments, the Pauline Chapel, the list goes on and on.

Due to the common foresight and mission we share, I have a warm affinity for you as friends. As I often say, you make beauty, education and inspiration possible and affect people from every country, of every religion and cultural background.

On that note, my friends, it is my humble pleasure to present you with this wonderful 2012 Wishbook which Fr. Mark and the Patron's staff have put together with the collaboration of our curators. I invite you to browse the many projects, each one of unique importance. Each is an artist, a story, a drama and a creation. Flipping through this book will take you on a journey through mankind's past and will present a special opportunity for you to enter into the flow of history and carry it forward with your uniquely important patronage.

On behalf of the Vatican Museums Direction, curators and restorers, thank you for making our restoration dreams a reality. I would like to personally extend an invitation to you, my friends, to come and visit us often. We in the Vatican Museums are anxiously awaiting you!

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Antonio Paolucci

Director of the Vatican Museums

