



Dear Patrons and friends,

I would like to begin the introduction to this year's Wishbook by thanking you, the Patrons of the Vatican Museums, not only for your generosity but also for your friendship, hospitality and confidence in our mission.

I have had the wonderful opportunity to spend time with so many of you on both sides of the ocean, and it has become clear that - like many things in life - we are called. Preserving the world's sacred art treasures is an important task and God invites sensitive souls who understand its paramount significance. It is a special vocation granted to very extraordinary people. What a privilege we have been given to help preserve that inspiration and creation that was so uniquely received from God and achieved by each artist.

In the following pages, you will discover the treasures of the Vatican Museums that urgently need restoration. This year's book is quite substantial, covering works of art from all galleries and encompassing thousands of years of human history. And so, it is with tremendous pleasure that I present you the Vatican Museums Wishbook 2012!

Thank you again for being so supportive, so generous and so responsive to the call. As with any call, it grows stronger when sharing it with others. I invite you to pass the flame of the magnificent opportunities available to our patrons. And just as you have, they will have the blessing to respond to a call that leads them into a special group with a special place in history.

May God bless you and your loved ones!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Haydu LC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr Mark Haydu LC

International Director of the Patrons of the Arts

