



## Dear Patrons,

Greetings from the Governor's Palace in the Vatican City State!

I am delighted to be presenting this year's Wishbook to all of you. As the world's largest collection of sacred and religious art, the Vatican Museums stand apart. This collection makes apparent to us the many ways in which art is an important communicator of faith and of God's beauty and love for us, his children.

This aspect sets the Vatican Museums apart, as it allows us to convey faith through art. It comes, however, with the large responsibility of maintaining these priceless testaments of our heritage as a faith family. Thank you for meeting this most important challenge by contributing to the preservation and restoration of these works of art.

I would like to invite you to explore the pages and projects of the Wishbook. You will notice that we have included many wonderful pieces. One success which we are particularly proud of is that the Vatican Museums are the first museums in Italy to offer tours for the blind. These persons, who Jesus gave such a special place in his ministry, are now being ministered to on a regular basis in our museums. You will see that sponsoring the guides and aides for the tours for the visually impaired is one of the projects to be adopted.

Aside from this project you will find many other beautiful initiatives to support and I entrust our restoration needs to your attentive care.

Thank you once again for helping us to preserve these wonderful works of art and help promote the message of love and fraternal unity that the arts inspire in the Vatican Museums.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Giuseppe Bertello*

Archbishop Giuseppe Bertello

President of the Pontifical Commission  
for the Governance of the Vatican City State



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