



## Happy New Year Patrons!

Your donation, together with Patrons around the world, finance now 71% of the restoration budget for the Vatican Museums! 2019 promises to be another incredible year to be a Patron as we work together for flagship restorations.

In our chapter alone, we are currently supporting [restorations](#) across four mediums: the statue of Aura, the Lateran Mosaics, the Half Armors, and the Bramante Staircase. The staircase, designed by Michelangelo, is part of the incredible Bramante Courtyard restoration that is making [headlines](#) around the world with the medieval technique of turning the walls white with milk.

Your contributions create lasting legacies for the millions of visitors that walk through the Vatican Museums each year and for those that will continue to come after.



The Bramante Courtyard

## Flagship restoration campaign seeking donations

*The Bramante Courtyard is the image of the Vatican to Rome  
and to the rest of the world.*

At the request of Pope Julius II, Architect Donato Bramante began his great project in 1504 to construct a theatrical space with a dramatic façade and staircase upon the available terrain within the villa on Vatican Hill. His design was intended to integrate nature, provide access to the most beloved antique statues, and offer a serene walk throughout the rest of the palace.

*"This restoration will be one of the largest and more important restorations for the Vatican Museums that we will see in our lifetime."*

The main focus of the Vatican Museum leadership, helmed by Dr. Jatta, for 2019 is to finish funding for the restoration of the Bramante Courtyard. Over the course of hundreds of years, the walls of the Bramante Courtyard, exposed to all weather conditions, suffered much damage aesthetically and integrally. The restoration project of the Bramante Courtyard will not only return the courtyard walls to its original travertine cream color, but it also focuses also on recovering the original spirit of the overall design that the Architect Donato Bramante had in mind.

Email [nwpatrons@gmail.com](mailto:nwpatrons@gmail.com) if you would like to donate to this project.

*To learn more, click below to watch videos about the project and review full restoration details. Feel free to share these links with your family and friends!*

**Watch: Bramante  
Courtyard Video**

**Read: Project  
Restoration Details**

**Watch: Extended  
Cut Bramante Video**



## 35th Anniversary International Patrons Leadership Meeting in Rome

*Dear NW Patrons of the Vatican Museums,*

*Coty Yodoff and I had the honor to represent you at the end of September at the International Patrons leadership meeting in Rome. Over four days we discussed and agreed on several initiatives. They include:*

- 1. A global database of Patrons, donations and projects to replace manual records at the Rome Patrons office. This will allow the Rome Patrons staff to spend more time supporting Patrons and their projects.*
- 2. Increased support for Dr. Jatta's main projects including restoration of the Bramante Courtyard, the Holy Stairs and the Vatican Gardens.*
- 3. Improved communication to Patrons via a new website and social media including videos/pictures of the restorations.*
- 4. An optional Rome visit each year that will bring together all first year Patrons from around the world. (First one June 12-20, 2019)*
- 5. Better cross chapter connections though invitations for all Patrons to attend certain chapter events around the world.*

*We were excited to see the progress on these initiatives. You will begin to see them in the next few months. Please let us know if you have any questions. The NW Patrons Board is planning 2019 events currently. Let us know if you have any events you would like to see.*

*Dr. Jatta, Cardinal Bertello and the whole Rome Patrons' staff thank you for your kind generosity.*

*On behalf of the whole NW Patrons Board we wish you and your families a Blessed New Year!*

*Gabe Hanzeli  
NW Chapter President*

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## **A New Year Note from the Patrons' International Director, Fr. Kevin Lixey, L.C.**

*My staff and I, together with the sentiments of the President of the Governatorate His Eminence Cardinal Bertello and Our Museum Director, Barbara Jatta, wish you a Blessed New Year.*

*We also wish to thank you for your generous support and collaboration with our Mission as Patrons.*

*Some of the achievements we can all take pride in this past year are:*

- *A Productive 35th Anniversary International Leadership Meeting in Rome.*
- *We facilitated 340 individual Patrons visits, and 9 chapter visits throughout the year.*
- *We established collaboration and teamwork among chapters in raising major gifts for the 2018 Wishbook campaign for the Bramante Courtyard restoration.*
- *We recreated a new PAVM logo and established brand identity in anticipation of a new website in 2019.*
- *PAVM donations now finance 71% of the Museum restoration budget.*

*Looking back on the year, I see that we have accomplished much. I am certain that if we continue to work together and channel our efforts, we will set the right foundation and pace for the next 35 years of Patrons history.*

*Be assured of my prayers as I wish you and your families a Blessed New Year.*

*Fr. Kevin Lixey, L.C.*

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*Restore History...  
Visit Rome Like Never Before...  
Become a Patron Today!*

Members of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums contribute annually to the support and preservation of artwork in the Vatican Museums.

**Your membership donation is a tax deductible donation used for restoration and conservation in the Vatican Museums.**

*Restorer Level: \$1,200 for an individual/ \$2,400 for a couple or family*

*Patrons Level: \$600 for an individual/ \$1,200 for a couple or family*

*Junior Level: \$250 for an individual 35 years and younger*

*Clergy Level: \$250 for members of clergy*

We invite you to become a member today and experience the satisfaction that comes from helping others enjoy the world's greatest collection of art.

**Join Now**

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**Gabe Hanzeli**  
**President, Northwest Chapter**

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You are receiving this message as someone who has expressed an interest in the work of the Northwest Chapter of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums. Patrons work with the Vatican Museums to preserve and restore art and artifacts in the Museums' collections, making beautiful and significant art accessible to museums visitors. If you would like to be more involved or have a question, please email us at [nwpatrons@gmail.com](mailto:nwpatrons@gmail.com).

