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Michelangelo's Pietà unveiled at the World Meeting of Families

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Two little girls are among the masses who had their picture taken by a replica of Michelangelo's Pietà, a marble casting made by Arte Divine and on display at the World Meeting of Families 2015 in Philadelphia.

To behold a great work of art is not only a privilege but a blessing. Beautiful works stir hearts and move souls. Michelangelo's Pietà — a Renaissance marble sculpture depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the body of her recently crucified son — is one such work. Completed in 1499, the original piece lies in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. It stands at a lifelike 5'6" tall, 6' wide and nearly 3' deep.

Of course, not everyone has the means to travel there and see Michelangelo's Pietà in person. That is why the Vatican Observatory Foundation and Arte Divine have created 112 marble castings of the famous work. One such casting was unveiled at the World Meeting of Families this week and will now remain a permanent fixture at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

David Newren, founder of Arte Divine, wrote the following about Michelangelo's Pietà:

“Five hundred years ago Michelangelo unveiled what would come to be regarded as one of the world's great masterpieces of inspired art and perhaps the most beautiful sculpture ever created. The Pietà was both the consummate expression of Michelangelo's artistic abilities and an embodiment of the divine inspiration that guided his work.”

The Pietà Legacy Mission has brought castings of the sculpture to cathedrals, churches, hospitals and other venues around the globe.

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