



Third Annual Cathedral Family Day

Sunday, March 7th 1:30-4:30 pm

Costumed tour guides * Pipe Organ demonstrations *

MN Children's Museum Art Projects* Science Experiments

The Cathedral of Saint Paul is throwing open its massive doors for the 3rd Annual Cathedral Family Day. Enjoy a tour of the landmark church highlighting art and history led by guides wearing costumes from the early 1900's when the cornerstone was laid.

Highlights include:

- Moving to stations around the Cathedral to hear stories from costumed guides
- Climbing into the gallery to peer down on the workings of the pipe organ while it's played.
- Sculpting with clay to make your own "Michelangelo" masterpiece to take home
- Do science oxidation experiments on copper (like the Cathedral dome)
- See the completed LEGO replica of the Cathedral and meet the builder
- Refreshments will be sold by the Cathedral Young Adults

Sponsors: MN Children's Museum, MN Science Museum and Twin LUG Users Group

Schools and families encouraged to see

Life-size replica of Michelangelo's *Pietà* at Cathedral for limited engagement

The Cathedral Heritage Foundation and the Cathedral of Saint Paul has been selected as the first exhibit venue on a nationwide tour for a special replica of Michelangelo's *Pietà* (*pea-ay-TAH*).

The life size sculpture depicts the Virgin Mary holding the body of her son Jesus Christ after his death. The marble casting of the original sculpture in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, will be available for public viewing beginning **Ash Wednesday***, **February 17th through Sunday, April 11th in the Sacred Heart Chapel of the Cathedral of Saint Paul**, at the corners of Summit and Selby Avenue, St. Paul. This special exhibit, created under exclusive license with the Vatican Observatory Foundation by Vescovo Buonarroti Art, will be available to the public free of charge.

Even if you have seen it at the Vatican, you would not have been able to get this close to see the details of this masterpiece, considered one of the greatest sculptures ever created.

A special art lecture will be held Sunday, Feb 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Art historian, Kara ZumBahlen, an instructor with the College of Visual Arts in St. Paul, will give historical background on Michelangelo and his masterpiece. This event is free and open to the public.

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