

Kruizenga Art Museum Dedication Prayer

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O God,
in Whom we live and move and have our being,
great cosmic Artist, painting the universe
in hues that take our breath away,
inspiring human art
that enhances and transforms our lives,
we gather to dedicate today The Kruizenga Art Museum,
a gem on this beautiful campus
for the enrichment of the whole college community
and the larger community beyond,
whose space will be filled with masterpieces from around the world,
bringing here a window on artistic expression
from the global community.

As we dedicate this museum, we give thanks
for the vision of Richard and Margaret Kruizenga
and the generosity that has made it possible,
and we celebrate the intention
that beautiful artistic expression
enrich all the disciplines of the college.

We pray your Spirit and grace will rest richly on the college
that values life's aesthetic dimension –
on administration, on faculty, on the student body –
that there may be a continuing stream of lives enriched by encounter
with some of the world's great art,
who will make their world more beautiful, more humane,
knowing that all that is true and good and beautiful
flows from Your creative grace.

O God,
Source of all that enriches us on our human journey,
to such high and holy purposes we gather to dedicate this,
The Kruizenga Art Museum.
Amen.