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Symbols of Grace

Emblems of the Immaculate Conception

SEPT. 25 – NOV. 10, 2017

This exhibit will introduce the importance of emblems in religious art. Emblems are an artistic genre that was popular in the 16th and 17th centuries. An emblem is a combination of words and images. The interpretation of emblems requires an intellectual effort. It results in the communication of a moral lesson.

Emblems generally consist of three parts: a pictorial representation; a short, often classical motto; and the explanation or link between the picture and the motto.

The emblems exhibited are illustrations of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. Taken from two of rare books in the Marian Library's collection, they show the broad variety of the symbolic and theological imagination when meditating on the one scripture calls the "Full of Grace."

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HOW TO GO:

SYMBOLS OF GRACE

Sept. 25 – Nov. 10, 2017

Marian Library Gallery, 7th floor of Roesch Library

Mon.–Fri., 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Open until 7 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 20, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov. 1

For special arrangements, please call 937-229-4214.

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