The Collection and *The Human Journey*

**What Does It Mean to Lead a Life of Meaning and Purpose?**

**Religion and Art**

What does God look like? What does faith look like? Is contemplating nature the best way to understand God? Are we better served by looking inward? How can the visual arts best augment and enhance a spiritual experience?

These are questions that people have been asking for millennia. The search for meaning and purpose in life is often a search for what God wants or expects. Some have found revelation in the natural world, examining God’s creation for hints of God’s design. For others, the answers are best understood and communicated through the powerful associations embedded in standardized religious symbols. Whatever specific imagery is chosen, the visual arts necessarily translate the invisible into something that can now be seen and shared, presenting an image that can be contemplated and mined for truth and understanding.

The artworks assembled here have been selected to suggest the variety of approaches chosen by contemporary artists for exploring religious concepts visually. For a more integrated experience of contemporary religious art and architecture, we invite you to visit the University’s Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

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