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PRESS RELEASE

“ART FOR GOD’S SAKE” BRINGS ART, MUSIC, & INSPIRATION TO METRO DETROIT,

MAY 13-15

TROY, MI, MARCH 2, 2011: “Art for God’s Sake” (www.artfqs.com), a three-day, multi-faceted exhibition dedicated to inspiring the community and supporting artists, will be hosted by St. Anastasia Church in Troy, MI during May 13-15, 2011 and will include juried and non-juried art shows, a student art show, an opening night formal gala and wine tasting, interactive art demos, and live musical, theatrical and art performances. A percentage of proceeds will benefit St. Aloysius’ Canticle Café, a warming center for the homeless in Detroit.

OVERVIEW

Reverend J.J. Mech, Pastor at St. Anastasia Church (Troy, MI), founded “Art for God’s Sake” with the goal of bringing people together, and with art, presenting an opportunity to pray and to get to know the Lord. His hope is to bring this event to the community and to provide an opportunity to become more aware of the many ways that God can reach out to us through art. Teresa Tomeo, host of “Catholic Connection” on Ave Maria Radio (WDEO-AM, 990-AM; www.avemariaradio.net) and professional speaker on social issues, interviewed Father Mech during her radio program on November 2, 2010. During the [interview](#), Father Mech described “Art For God’s Sake” as an uplifting declaration and reminder that even when times are troubled, the Catholic Church protects and honors the masterful beauty expressed to us by talented artists who are blessed with a measure of the Lord’s creativity.

SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS

“Art for God’s Sake” supports artists during this challenging economy when art programs are often cut or artists face difficult times. To help, “Art for God’s Sake” is tying in with local schools to involve student artists in its art show and will award the winner \$100. The [student art show](#) winner will be selected via public vote during the

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Saturday daytime event. Also, as part of its [juried art show](#), a total of \$5,000 will be awarded. The deadline for entries is Friday, March 18. Selection of juried art will be done by [jurors](#) Father Mech and artist Robert Wilbert, with respect to our Mission Statement and the inspirational, spiritual, and religious aspect of the work(s) submitted. A non-juried art show will also help promote the work of well-known [featured artists](#) and clergy artists.

EVENTS, HONORARY CHAIRPERSON, & HONORARY COMMITTEE

Various [events](#) are scheduled to take place during the three-day exhibition. "Art for God's Sake" will launch on Friday, May 13 with a formal Opening Night gala beginning at 7:00 PM. The event will include the art gallery opening, a wine tasting, a live art performance by [Splat Experience](#), church and chapel tours, and live music including the performance of an original piece composed for "Art for God's Sake." Archbishop Allen Vigneron is the [Honorary Chairperson](#) of the event and will be joined by an [Honorary Committee](#), all who plan on attending Opening Night. The exhibition continues on Saturday, May 14 with the art shows, more live music, short theatrical performances (Lifehouse's "*Everything*" theatrical performance), interactive art opportunities, and more.

SPONSORS AND ADVERTISERS

"Art for God's Sake" (AFGS) is seeking [sponsors & advertisers](#) for its 2011 events and its Commemorative Program, a glossy catalog to be distributed to those attending the events in May. It will feature information about the artists, photos of artists' work, and inspiring articles. For a detailed list of opportunities, please call (248) 906-2347 or visit <http://www.artfgs.com/how-to-be-a-supporter/>.

For more information and news from "Art for God's Sake," please visit our website at www.artfgs.com, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ArtForGodsSake or @ArtForGodsSake, or like our page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ArtForGodsSake.

About "Art for God's Sake" (www.artfgs.com)

"Art for God's Sake" is a juried, professional art show that highlights sacred themes. The three-day, multi-faceted exhibition includes an elegant opening-night gala, interactive art demos, and educational opportunities. It also showcases the non-juried artwork of well-known artists and local clergy.

"Art for God's Sake's" mission is to expose the community to the transcendent beauty of art while inviting artists to share their talents so that 'the knowledge of God can be better revealed and the preaching of the Gospel can become clearer to the human mind.' ...as encouraged by the SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, 22.

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