

St. Joseph with the Child Jesus

(2019)

Donated by Stephanie and Michael McCabe



St. Joseph with the Child Jesus Madonna and Child (2019)

These paintings (48" x 36") are by a Peruvian artist, Diana Mendoza, living in Lima. Mendoza's style is a uniquely Peruvian art form that is mixed media, where the image is laid out in the gesso layer with a lot of dimension in the patterns on clothing and the halos. Gold leaf is applied to all the highlight areas. Then oil paints are applied, and last, an antiquing wash to give it gravitas.

The paintings are complementary, while not matching poses. Scale is very similar. Notice that the backgrounds of each painting match the colors and values of the figures.

The framing is very special. The 8" wide frames are made by Peruvian saddle makers. The frames are a work of art in themselves, being as costly as the actual painting.

About the Artist

Diana Mendoza

Born in Junín, Peru, Diana Mendoza is an award-winning painter and graduate of the Escuela Nacional de Bellas Artes, where she received top honors in painting and drawing. With a background in teaching, design, and music, she eventually devoted herself fully to the visual arts, blending European stylistic influences with Peruvian artistic traditions.

Mendoza is the artist behind Madonna with Child and St. Joseph with the Child Jesus, two cherished paintings in our St. Joseph Chapel. These works reflect her signature technique of combining gold and silver leaf with oil on canvas to create luminous, richly textured images that inspire and uplift.

Best known for her religious imagery - especially depictions of the Madonna - Mendoza works in various formats, including diptychs and triptychs. Her art has been exhibited across Peru and Brazil, including at the Palacio de Cultura in Rio de Janeiro and Galeria Chagall in Lima. Her most celebrated piece to date is The Last Supper, a powerful example of her skill in figurative painting. Driven by a deep work ethic and constant creative exploration, Mendoza continues to pursue the "perfect painting", finding joy in the journey of creation.

Madonna and Child

(2018)

Donated by L.A. and Natalie Marsha



Welcome to the St. Joseph Chapel



Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls - Pray for me.
Amen.

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