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Life-Size Marble Cast Of Michelangelo's Pietà To Be On View At The Convention Center, September 22-25



Michelangelo's Pietà has been exactly replicated in Carrara marble, and the life-size cast will be on display at the Pennsylvania Convention Center during the World Meeting of Families September 22-25. (Image courtesy Vatican Observatory Foundation/Arte Divine)

Next week, September 22-25, visitors from around the globe will make their pilgrimage of faith to the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection for the World Meeting of Families, the world's largest gathering of Catholic families, and the historic visit by Pope Francis.

The entire city of Philadelphia and many of our top attractions have rallied to host special exhibits and tours to celebrate the festivities, and now one more hugely significant work of art will join the sights to see during the papal visit.

From September 22-25, the Pennsylvania Convention Center will host a display of a **life-size** marble casting of one of Michaelangelo's Pietá, a powerful depiction of the body of Jesus laid across the lap of his mother Mary following his crucifixion.

The original Renaissance work dates to 1498-1499 and is the only sculpture Michaelangelo ever signed, a testament to the artist's devotion to this subject. While the original is only on view St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the Vatican Observatory has approved the creation of 100 exact Carrara marble replica from a mold of the original work, faithful in each detail to the original.

The Pietá cast, in will be on view at the Convention Center daily during the events and activities surrounding the World Meeting of Families Congress.