



## *Does the Church need Art?*

A meeting of artists and those interested in the Christian arts will take place on Saturday, **December 10<sup>th</sup> 2022, from 2.00-5.00 pm** in **St. Catherine's, St. Saviour's Priory, Upr Dorset Street, Dublin 1.**

Our conversation will focus on a pertinent question posed by Pope St. John Paul II in his *Letter to Artists* in 1999 – “Does the Church need Art?” We will also consider various challenges facing contemporary Christian artists. For further details please contact Fr. Michael Dunleavy, OP: [michael.dunleavy@dominicans.ie](mailto:michael.dunleavy@dominicans.ie)

Art has a unique capacity to take one or other facets of the [Gospel] message and translate it into colours, shapes and sounds, which nourish the intuition of those who look or listen. It does so without emptying the message itself of its transcendent value and its aura of mystery

Pope St. John Paul II, (*Letter to Artists*, 1999).

“The world in which we live needs beauty in order not to sink into despair.

Beauty, like truth brings joy to the human heart, and it is that precious fruit which resists the erosion of time, which unites generations and enables them to be one in admiration.

And all this through the work of your hands. ... Remember that you are the custodians of beauty in the world!”

Pope St. Paul VI, (1965)