Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels Receives First New Art Since Opening

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The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels has a new piece of art hanging in the main ambulatory. In fact, it is the first new piece of art to be unveiled since the Cathedral opened in September, 2002.

The mural, created by artist, Frank Alonzo Martinez, was sponsored by the William H. Hannon Foundation. It depicts 18th century early California life. The Blessed Mother looks down on Father Junipero Serra and other missionaries as they work with the early Californians.

According to James A. Hannon, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the William H. Hannon Foundation, and whose idea it was to sponsor the mural, “The idea to sponsor the mural arose from the Foundation’s longtime interest in Father Serra and the California Missions. We were presented with several different opportunities, but we felt the 18th century mural was an ideal selection because it tied in closely with our founder’s wish to teach the children of California about their state’s early history.”

The muralist, Frank Martinez, spoke to those who gathered for the blessing of the mural. His words reflected his devotion to the Church and his faith, and he expressed his deep satisfaction with the project.