

STM SERVES

This art installation was funded by Dr. and Mrs. John Vigorito, honoring the final wishes of Ms. Rita McGrath and Ms. Lorraine Marchand, former Most Holy Sacrament sisters who taught and served at St. Thomas More from 1982 to 2005. Both loved books, libraries and art - and were committed to education and service.

The 2015-2016 Art IV Honors class brainstormed possible ideas for a library art piece and decided on a technique that would allow every student at St. Thomas More to contribute to the final product. These art students stained 49 12"x12" wooden canvases in four different solid colors representing the four grade levels. The project was completed through religion classes so that each student could take part in the creation of the mural.

Art teacher Kimberly Thibodeaux and religion teacher Shannon Phillips collaborated to choose the main theme of service and to select a different Bible verse for each religion teacher. With art students available for help, the 49 religion classes were responsible for painting a large symbol (pattern or design) on a designated canvas. The paintings represent how each religion class chose to illustrate the assigned Bible verse. The students in these classes also wrote a sentence about how they contribute to the service of others. Their writing was printed and glued on the edges of each class panel.

Scott Johnstone's advanced theatre classes then mounted the canvases in rows on wooden backing so that the project could be hung. Final installation was completed April 12, 2016, by Casey Friend and Kimberly Thibodeaux.

Class of 2016

Mike Keefe: And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." - Mark 9:35

Shannon Phillips: And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" - Matthew 25:40

Class of 2017

Ramona Hebert: Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. - 1 Peter 4:10

Benny Littell: No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. - Matthew 6:24

Class of 2018

Aaron Breaux: As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. - 1 Peter 4:10

Peter Youngblood: But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. - Luke 6:35

Class of 2019

Jeff Cormier: When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. - John 13:12-14

Jacque Lerille: For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. - Galatians 5:13

Jennifer Sibille: Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. - Romans 12:9-13