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Cariboo College is one of five British Columbia community colleges participating in a late-November guided tour to San Francisco featuring the art treasures of the Vatican.

The exhibition is called "The Vatican Collections - the Papacy and Art". It contains 237 works reflecting papal patronage and collecting through the centuries and ranging from the Belvedere Apollo to the French impressionists.

San Francisco's De Young Museum is its third and final stop in a United States showing that began at the Metropolitan Museum in New York last fall and is now at the Chicago Art Institute.

The college-sponsored tour runs from Thursday, November 24th through Sunday 27th. It provides for two mornings devoted to viewing the exhibit under the guidance of Dr. James Russell, specialist in classical archaeology at the University of British Columbia, plus sufficient free time to explore the other San Francisco attractions.

The five sections of the exhibit reflect particular periods in the history of the papacy's fluctuating interest in art collecting, such as the works decorating Old St. Peter's, the works commissioned by various popes between the late Gothic and late Baroque periods, and the more contemporary additions under the reign of Paul VI. The tour price of \$499 per person, based on double occupancy, comprises a \$100 non-refundable deposit at the time of registration and the balance of \$399 due by October 15.

It covers return airfare between Vancouver and San Francisco, three nights' accommodation, admission to the collection and much of the necessary surface transportation, including a guided tour of San Francisco.

Further information can be obtained from Lorraine Zeck of the College's Continuing Education Department or from C. G. Mossop, Study Tour Coordinator. They advise early registration. The other four sponsoring colleges are all located in the Vancouver area.

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