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**ART MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH CELEBRATES DONORS,
LAUNCHES NEW PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY ON OCT. 19, 2017**

Event Includes Unveiling of Two Donated Works of Art



Elaine de Kooning (1920-1989), *Aristodemos Kaldis*, 1968. Charcoal on paper. Promised gift of the Reverend Thomas J. Barry.

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (Sept. 25, 2017) – The Art Museum at University of Saint Joseph (USJ) will celebrate past donors and launch a new planned giving society for works of art named for the Reverend John J. Kelley during a free reception, open to the public, on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

“We are thrilled to inaugurate this planned giving society in honor of a man who gave the first bequest of art to the University in 1966. Reverend John J. Kelley’s bequest, along with art donated by the Reverend Andrew J. Kelly in 1937, formed the foundation of the Art Museum’s collection. Today, we honor all our donors and invite possible future donors to see how their gifts can enhance the lives of future generations,” said Ann H. Sievers, director and curator of the Art Museum.

Those attending the Oct. 19 reception will witness the unveiling of two new donated works of art, to be announced at the event. “We are very excited to present these gifts in their new home for the very first time,” said Sievers.

The new gifts will join the Art Museum's current exhibition of recent acquisitions and promised gifts, titled *Past Progressive//Future Perfect*. This multi-cultural exhibition, which runs through Dec. 17, consists of more than 50 works of art, including:

- The first German Expressionist works to enter the Art Museum's collection, including prints by Max Pechstein, Max Kaus, and Max Beckmann.
- Latin American woodcuts by Antonio Martorell, and Aliosky Garcia Sosa
- Works in watercolor and photography by African-American artists Richard Yarde, and Hank Willis Thomas
- Drawings and prints by Connecticut's own sculptor Carol Kreeger Davidson, and painter/printmaker Robert Kirschbaum

In addition, the Art Museum will host a Family Day on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 1–3 p.m. The Family Day will include museum-based games and activities for families with children from pre-school through fifth grade. This event is free and open to the public.

The Art Museum at University of Saint Joseph is part of the Connecticut Art Trail.

For more information about the Oct. 19 Donor Recognition Reception and launch of the John J. Kelley Society, call 860.231.5743 or visit www.usj.edu/artmuseum.

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