

Reception Features Work of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library

Ambassador Robert L. Shafer, KM, and his wife, Ellen Shafer, DM, hosted a reception at the Mission of the Permanent Observer of the Order of Malta at the United Nations in New York City on February 8, 2012. Members of the Order of Malta included Ms. Nicky Benz Carpenter, DM, and Frá Elie de Comminges.

The evening included two slide presentations featuring the work of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML) at Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota. HMML executive director, Fr. Columba Stewart, OSB, presented stories and images that chronicled how the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library is continuing the Benedictine legacy of preserving endangered ancient Christian manuscripts using modern technologies. Director of HMML's Malta Study Center, Theresa Vann, PhD, presented images from HMML's preservation studios at the Notarial Archives, the National Archives of Malta and the Priory of Rome.

A representative from *The Saint John's Bible* showcased pages from The Heritage Edition. *The Saint John's Bible* is a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible commissioned by Saint John's University. The Heritage Edition is a high quality reproduction of the original pages that can be purchased by individuals and institutions to explore the artistic and spiritual beauty of *The Saint John's Bible*.

For more information about the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library visit: www.hmml.org. For more information about *The Saint John's Bible*, please visit: www.saintjohnsbible.org.



From left to right: Ms. Nicky Benz Carpenter, DM, Ambassador Shafer, KM, and Frá Elie de Comminges. Looking over their shoulders is a portrait of deceased Grand Master Frá Andrew Bertie.