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FAMILY DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

**Costumed tour guides * Pipe Organ demonstrations
MN Children's Museum Art Projects
Souvenir Photos*LEGO Models**

(Saint Paul, MN) The Cathedral of Saint Paul welcomes everyone and especially families to tour this historical landmark, listen as a resident musician plays the massive Skinner Pipe Organ, do an art project with the Minnesota Children's Museum and get a Souvenir Photo taken of your visit on Sunday, March 8th from 1:30-4:30 p.m., located at 239 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul (www.cathedralsaintpaul.org).

"Big buildings are of interest to little people too," said Very Reverend Joseph R. Johnson, Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Paul. "On Family Day, we welcome kids and adults to see how fun it can be to learn about art, music and history. Let these rich treasures fuel the children's imaginations with the creativity of past generations."

A few of the special features in grand proportions include 25 foot high gold mosaics, white marble statues standing 12 feet high, three stained glass windows reaching 26 feet in diameter and 10 unique chapels, including those in the Shrine of Nations dedicated to the patron saints of the different immigrant groups who helped build the Cathedral.

Tour guides will be dressed in period costumes bringing to life the historical characters that played a part in building the Cathedral a century ago.

In addition to kid-friendly tours, visitors are invited to climb up into the Cathedral gallery, normally closed to the public, to watch a Cathedral musician demonstrate the workings of the massive Skinner Pipe Organ.

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After experiencing the world-class art and music in the Cathedral, visitors are invited to the lower level of the Cathedral for a full list of activities.

- Minnesota Children's Museum staff will be on hand to help children sculpt their own clay masterpiece to take home.
- Get a souvenir photo taken of your group sitting on the bench of the Cathedral's Skinner Pipe Organ.
- Visit with an official LEGO Ambassador, Roy Cook, Ph.D, a University of Minnesota professor, who is building 8 x 12 foot scale models of the Cathedral and the Minnesota State Capitol in LEGO Bricks. He will have his "work in progress" on display.
- Author Dia Boyle will be signing copies of her book, *Stone and Glass: The Meaning of the Cathedral of Saint Paul*. Copies will be available for purchase.
- The Cathedral Gift Store and Museum will be open to visitors.
- Refreshments will be available for purchase from the Cathedral Young Adults.

For more information, visit www.cathedralsaintpaul.org or call the Welcome Center at 651-228-1766. To view photos of the Cathedral of Saint Paul's interior and exterior go to <http://www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/about/photos.asp>.

Community Partners for Cathedral Family Day include the Minnesota Children's Museum, Twin Cities LEGO Club TWINLUG, Capitol site for the Minnesota Historical Society, and Northern Star Council Boy Scouts.

