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Southfield Student Presents Religious Icon Exhibit at Madonna University Gallery

Exhibit runs Oct. 18 – Nov. 15; Artist Reception Oct. 29

What: Madonna University sociology student and artist Marius Sidau of Southfield will display his creations and collections of Christian icons at the Madonna University Exhibition Gallery this fall.

Born and raised in Romania, 30-year-old Sidau developed an interest in art as a child, molding clay figurines in his grandmother's bread oven. He created his first icon, of Jesus Christ, at the age of eight. Sidau's style of Byzantine iconography was inspired by the Christian imagery that surrounded him growing up in Eastern Europe, and by his travels to monasteries in Romania, Italy and Ukraine.

Sidau has collected religious artwork for more than 10 years. "Religious icons are windows into heaven, connecting the physical and spiritual worlds," he said. "I am excited to share with the community my perception of these sacred images of faith."

During an artist reception, guests can meet Sidau and view his work and collection. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Jeanne Moore, curator and gallery director, at 248-875-7332.

When: Exhibit: Sunday, Oct. 18 – Sunday, Nov. 15, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily
Artist Reception: Thursday, Oct. 29, 5-8 p.m.

Where: Madonna University Gallery (entrance D, second floor)
36600 Schoolcraft Road (at Levan Rd., off I-96)
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