



Duane Library

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, BRONX, NY

An extensive restoration project began at the Duane Library on Fordham University's Bronx campus in 2004. EverGreene was engaged to conduct conservation treatments on the Hildreth Meiere mural "*Journeys of St. Isaac Jogues in the New World...*".

Although the mural's substrate was stable, the paint layer had been compromised by water damage, resulting in paint loss and staining. Additionally, there was delamination and loss of raised ornament. The goal of the conservation treatment was to stabilize the condition of the mural, replace or repair ornament, and inpaint areas of loss. The aesthetic goal of the conservation was to minimize the impact of water damage and paint loss, thus preserving the patina of age; the physical goal was to retain as much historic paint as possible. The conservation effort was not to compromise the integrity of the original artist's intent by excessive repainting, but to preserve the integrity of both the original materials and the artist's intent. All the gilded elements were re-gilded as well.

The building now functions as Fordham University's admissions office and Theology Department.

MORE INFORMATION:

<https://evergreene.com/projects/fordham-university-duane-library/>

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