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“Remembering so we do not forget: A family’s history of resistance in Nazi-occupied Padua.”

Consul in Detroit, Paolo Zanotto: Conversation with the Students of the Italian Program

FATHER GABRIEL RICHARD High School – May 15th, 2026, 10:45am



PROGRAM:

Consul in Detroit, Paolo Zanotto’s conversation with the Students of the Italian Program in Detroit School District on a family’s history of resistance in Nazi-occupied Padua.

Consul Zanotto will join Italian Language Students to narrate a family’s history of resistance, dedicated to the Martini Sisters and their secret network of aid, based at the Cathedral of Saint Anthony in Padua, which rescued hundreds of persecuted people and brought them safely to Switzerland.

The goal of this presentation is to share with students memories of resistance in Italy and offer a direct testimony, to educate students to reflect on history and the importance of human rights.

The photo shows a highly symbolic work by Kounellis Jannis, a Greek-Italian artist, in keeping with the tradition of the University of Padua, which in 1945 was the only university in Italy to be awarded the Gold Medal for Military Valor for its role in the Resistance. The work, entitled “Resistance and Liberation,” is located under the portico of the Nuovo Courtyard of Palazzo Bo.

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