Saints Cast in Brass and Molded in Clay: Roman Catholic Religious Artifacts from St. Mary’s City

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With a briefe Rehearsall of their false and dangerous Tenents.
Liberty Of Conscience Versus Toleration

“And for that end to cause all acts of Roman Catholique Religion to be done as privately as may be and that they instruct all the Roman Catholiques to be silent, upon all occasions of discourse concerning matters of religion and that the said Governor and Commissioners treat the Protestants with as much mildness and favour as Justice will permit. And this to be ordered at land and sea.”

Lord Baltimore’s Instructions to the Colonists, 1633
“And be it also further enacted by the same authority advise and assent that whatsoever person or persons shall from henceforth uppon any occasion of offence or otherwise in a reproachful manner or Way declare call or denominate any person or persons whatsoever inhabiting, residing, traffiqueing, trading or comerceing within this Province or within any the ports, harbors, creeks or havens to the same belonging an heritick, scismatick, idolator, puritan, independant, Prespiterian popish prest, Jesuite, Jesuited papist, Lutheran, Calvenist, Anabaptist, Brownist, Antinomian, Barrowist, Roundhead, Separatist, or any other name or terme in a reproachfull manner relating to matter of religion”

The Act Concerning Religion, 1649
The Society of Jesus

Founded 1531
Approved by Pope 1540
Suppressed 1773
Restored 1814
Iust now I understand that notwithstanding my prohibition to the contrarie another member of those of the Hill there, hath by a slight gott aboard Mr Ingle's shipp in the Downes to take his passage for Maryland wch for diuers respects I haue reason to ressent as a high affront vnto mee

Cecil Calvert, Lord Baltimore  1642
THE ADDRESS

Of the Representatives of their Majesties

in the Province of Maryland Assembled.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

Whereas we are with all humility fully assured that the benefit of your Majesties glorious undertakings and blest success, for the Protestant Religion, and civil rights and liberties of your Subjects, was graciously intended to be extant, as well as to this remote part, as to all others of your Majesties Territories and Countries, and being thereby influenced to express our sincere zeal and endeavour for your Majesties Service, the Protestant Religion, here of late notoriously opposed, and your Majesties Sovereigne Right and Dominion, to which your Majesties Province of Maryland, invaded and undermined, by our late Popish Govenors their agents and Complices.

We your Majesties most dutiful and loyal Subjects of this Province, being assembled, as the Representative body of the same, do humbly pray your Majesties gracious consideration of the great grievances and oppressions we have long lain under, lately represented to your Majestie, and directed to your Majesties principal Secretaries of State, in a certain Declaration from the Commanders, Officers and Citizens hereby in Arms for your Majesties Service and the Defence of the Protestant Religion.

And that your Majestie would be graciously pleased in such ways and means as to your Princely wisdom shall seem meet, to appoint such a deliverance to your Suffering People, whereby for the future our Religion Rights and Liberties may be secure, under a Protestant Government, by your Majesties gracious direction Especially to be appointed — We will with all becoming Duty and Loyalty your Majesties Pleasure herein, And will in the mean time, to the hazard of our lives and Fortunes Preserve, and continue to vindicate and defend your Majesties Rights and Sovereign Dominion over this Province, the Protestant Religion, and the civil rights and liberties of your Majesties Subjects here, against all manner of attempts and opposition whatsoever. Hereby unanimously declaring, that as we have a full faith of the blessing of Heaven upon your Majesties Generous undertakings, so will we endeavour to express our due gratitude for the same, as becomes protectors of the best of Religions, and Subjects to the best of Princes.

Maryland printed by order of the Assembly at the City of St. Mary's August 26th. 1689.

This is a true copy of the Original.

[Signature]
“Whereupon it was ordered by his Excellency, the Governor, that the Sheriff of St. Maries County lock up the said chapel and keep the key thereof.” 1704
William Deacon Bottle Seals from St. Mary’s City

A FIND - Silas Hurry, a member of the Senior Class at Chopticon High, holds the seal of William Deacon, the King’s Tax Collector’s emblem, found on a bottle in the dig.  (Staff Photo)
St. John’s

Chapel and Mill Field

Van Sweringen’s

Town Center
### St. John’s

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![St. John’s Site Image](image-url)
Single decade palm rosary
Copper alloy and glass
St. John’s site
deposited in 1638
found in construction ditch

Modern
Irish penal
rosary
silver crucifix
St. John’s Site
1638 to ca. 1720
silver crucifix St. John’s Site 1638 to ca. 1720
Putto or Cherub Head
In white pipeclay

back of head
found in 1974

face
found in 2004
## Van Sweringen

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Garret Van Sweringen’s Will
Fragment of a Madonna discovered at the Van Sweringen site

Madonna recovered in Holland

Madonna recovered near Davidsonville, MD
Aloysius Gonzaga

Born  1568  
Died   1591  
Beatified  1605  
Canonized  1726  

St. Aloysius at Court
## The Chapel and Mill Field

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Chapel East = 21 degrees south of true east
Santa Maria de la Pilar
Zaragoza, Spain

Medal when discovered
Distinctive bottle glass from the Chapel

bottle seal with “L I + D” (Laus Jesus Deo: Praise Jesus Lord)
Beatified Ignatius Loyola 1491-1556 1609
Francis Xavier 1560-1552 1619

Canonized on March 12, 1922

Found in Mill Field
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All Canonized on March 12, 1622
Jesuit Saints

Ignatius Loyola 1491-1556
Francis Xavier 1560-1552

beatified
1609
1619

Canonized on March 12, 1622

Found in Pope’s Fort Moat
1645 - 1650
Lead object with “IHS” and lobed cross

Jesuit seal
Cross on rosary from Germany

Turned bone object discovered this summer
Artifacts of Religious Tourism
19th-century medals from St. Mary’s City
St. Benedict medal
19th-century style
near the Brome House

Modern
St. Benedict medal
Sacred Heart of Mary medal

"REINE DES ANGES PRIEZ POUR NOUS"
(QUEEN OF ANGELS PRAY FOR US, in French)

reverse

"MA FILLE ALLONS AU CIEL"
(MY DAUGHTER LET IN HEAVEN or MY DAUGHTER IS GOING TO HEAVEN, in French)
19th-century Sainte Anne de Beaupré Medal discovered near Trinity Church
Modern Sainte Anne de Beaupré medal

Sainte Anne de Beaupré Cathedral, Quebec
J'apporte La Paix (French)
I bring peace
I Bring Peace
French Wax Seal Necklace - I Bring Peace - pictured is a dove bearing an olive branch surrounded by the tiny French caption "J'apporte La Paix", translated to "I bring peace". Meaning/Symbolism: A Dove is the messenger of peace and hope, and symbolizes patience and tenderness. They are also the messengers of love. In Greek mythology the dove represents renewal of life. The dove bearing an olive branch is a token of inspiration and bringer of peace and good tidings.

Size: 1/2" across, 5/8" long

We make this lovely pendant by using a Napoleon Era French Wax Seal etui dating to the early-mid 1800's. The pendant hangs from your choice of sterling cable chains. Charm is also available individually so you can create your own symbolic necklace by stacking charms alongside this one. Please note that the picture is enlarged to show detail. Each charm is custom made to order, so they may vary a tiny bit in dimension. They are antiqued and hand rubbed, which gives them a vintage look - the perfect little conversation piece! Our Wax Seal Collection comes beautifully presented in a 100% recycled organic box complete with the meaning and origins behind your necklace, and care instructions

See also http://www.etsy.com/listing/79269501/i-bring-peace-dove-pendant-from-antique
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