

# THE NOBLE JOURNEY

Honoring Italian Immigrants & Culture in Boston's North End  
*With love and devotion, you can walk in the footsteps of your ancestors*



St. Leonard Church



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The late Dr. Michael Annunziata, M.D.  
Nancy Schön, sculptor  
In Collaboration with St. Leonard Church



Photo by Judy West

#### About the Artist

Nancy Schön is an internationally recognized public art sculptor, best known for the "Make Way for Ducklings" sculpture in the Boston Public Garden.

Visit her web site to learn more about her.  
<https://schon.com/public/>

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please donate to the Noble Journey Sculpture Fund of the North End Historical Society, a MA 501(c)(3) non-profit, to make this a reality.

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# FROM ITALY TO AMERICA

We seek to install a bronze sculpture at St. Leonard Church (SLC) in Boston's North End to symbolize the first steps down a gangway from Italy to America which Italian and other immigrants walked after crossing the Atlantic from the 1850's to the 1920's.

With love and devotion, you can walk in the footsteps of your ancestors whose dream it was to make a better social, economic, and spiritual life for themselves, their families and their future.

These footprints lead directly into the first Italian Catholic Church in New England which they built in 1873 for their spiritual guidance, and to grow their new community. Now, St. Leonard Church is the congregation of Sacred Heart and St. Stephen Church, St. Mary Chapel, and St. John's parochial school. It is also the hub for spiritual collaboration by the North End's well-known religious societies. SLC is in the heart of the North End with an iconic Peace Garden.

It will remind all visitors of the values, challenges, courage, and dedication it took to make their vision a reality, and inspire its continuity and evolution.

