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**THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
LAUNCHES A NEW ONLINE VIRTUAL TOUR
OF THE MUSEUM'S PERMANENT EXHIBITS
(www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu)**

HYDE PARK, NY -- On January 30, 2015, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum launched a comprehensive **ONLINE VIRTUAL TOUR** of the Museum's permanent exhibits. The virtual tour brings the Roosevelt Library's exhibits -- and associated educational programs -- to a significantly expanded audience through an online interactive museum experience. The tour was funded by the Newman's Own Foundation through a generous grant to the Roosevelt Institute, and was designed by the Dynology Corporation. To explore the new virtual tour visit the Library's web site at www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

With the development of the online virtual tour, the FDR Library can now bring its exciting Museum experience into the homes of individuals all over the world. The virtual tour will serve as an access option for persons with disabilities who cannot otherwise benefit from the Museum due to physical, sensory, economic, or intellectual barriers. Bringing the Museum online allows the Library to provide a more inclusive, welcoming, and meaningful Museum experience to audiences from all walks of life.

EXPLORE THE VIRTUAL TOUR

The virtual tour is a comprehensive, self-guided, interactive experience that gives any user with a desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile device the ability to explore the Roosevelt

Library's permanent exhibit. Users can zoom-in and navigate through 360° panoramic views of the exhibit galleries. For more in depth information about a topic users can view select documents, artifacts, and photographs from the exhibit. For even more detail, there are ten "Confront the Issue" special topics, ranging from WHAT CAUSED THE GREAT DEPRESSION? to FDR AND JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT. Users can listen to some of FDR's Fireside Chats and Eleanor Roosevelt's radio addresses. They can browse the contents of Roosevelt's White House Oval Office desk, watch one of Mrs. Roosevelt's television appearances, and explore the "Behind the Scenes" area of the Museum to view the contents of our artifact storerooms.

In addition, users can view web-exclusive "Teachable Moment" films. Created by the Library's Education staff and the Pare Lorentz Center at the FDR Presidential Library, each short film provides an overview of an important topic from the Roosevelt Era, including SOCIAL SECURITY and FDR's FOUR FREEDOMS.

For more information about the virtual tour visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu or call Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits, the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The

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Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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