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Animals Blessed at SMC

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A four-footed flurry of dogs, cats and rabbits gathered on the steps of the Saint Mary's College chapel during an annual Blessing of the Animals ceremony October 14. The event honors Francis of Assisi, known as the patron saint of animals. It was organized by the Episcopal congregation of St. Giles, which holds its services at the chapel. "St. Francis is one of my favorite saints," the Reverend Justin Cannon said. Cannon is priest-in-residence at St. Giles. He also said it was important that participants remember all who work for the good of animals, for "less fortunate animals" and for working animals. No fur flew during the brief, outdoor service.

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