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Annual Christmas Artwork Contest 2020-2021

Announcing the 2020-2021 Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Christmas Artwork Contest!

Twenty-four national winners will be selected in this competition. Winning artwork will be displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent and Christmas of 2021. Twelve Boston finalists will also be selected; Boston's Grand Prize Winner will have his/her artwork reproduced as Boston's MCA official Christmas Card.

Two grand prize winners will be selected and their artwork reproduced as the official Christmas cards of the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, Father Andrew Small, OMI. **Contest winners will be notified in April 2021** and announced to Catholic media in November 2021. All winners receive a commemorative plaque. Past winners may not enter this year's contest.

To enter, please complete this entire form and attach it (**with tape**) to the back of each student's entry. Please type or print. Artwork will not be accepted without this form. Do not glue or staple this form to artwork. ****Mail entries to: Missionary Childhood Association Artwork Contest 66 Brooks Drive Braintree, MA 02184.**** Please note, artwork cannot be returned. **Artwork that does not conform to the guidelines will be disqualified.**

STUDENT NAME _____

PLEASE CIRCLE: Boy Girl Grade _____

PLEASE CIRCLE: Catholic School Parish RE/CCD Home School

NAME OF SCHOOL OR RE/CCD _____

PRINCIPAL / CCD DIRECTOR _____

SCHOOL OR PARISH ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL OR PARISH PHONE # _____

Name of (arch)diocese _____

Student's home address as of Sept 2021

Student's telephone number as of Sept 2021 _____

Name of parent/guardian _____

Email address of parent/guardian _____

GUIDELINES

- The contest is open to young people in grades K-8. All entries must be postmarked and / or received no later than January 31, 2021.
- **Each mailed entry (drawing) MUST be accompanied by an official entry form. DO NOT GLUE OR STAPLE ENTRY FORM TO ARTWORK. DO NOT FOLD ARTWORK! PLEASE WRITE THE STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME ON THE BACK OF THE ARTWORK IN LEAD PENCIL IN CASE THE ENTRY FORM BECOMES DETACHED.**
- Please be sure to complete this entire form for each entry, so we can identify and notify winning artists —otherwise, children might miss their chance of winning!
- All entries become the property of the MCA national office, which reserves the right to depict all or part of the selected illustrations. It is not possible for the national office to offer any compensation for entries or to return them, whether or not they are used.

ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS

- Artwork must be on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of WHITE paper — no construction or lined paper. White card stock is allowed.
- The illustration must be depicted HORIZONTALLY (IN THE LANDSCAPE VIEW).
- Students must illustrate one of the subjects listed under the heading "Subjects."
- **Do not include text or lettering on the drawing.**
- Acceptable media includes crayons, pastels, markers, tempera or watercolor paints.
- **PLEASE — NO LEAD OR COLOR PENCILS.**
- **Artwork must be the child's own. Tracings and direct copies of other art cannot be considered. Coloring in of another person's drawing cannot be considered. Students selected as finalists will be asked to validate the originality of their artwork.**

SUBJECTS

- The Nativity (a manger scene, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, animals)
- Three Wise Men (presentation of gifts or following the star)
- Shepherds (with sheep, in fields, seeing the angel, or visiting the manger)
- Mother and Child (Mary with her infant son)
- Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem
- Newborn Jesus in manger
- The Angel Gabriel

HELPFUL HINTS

- Use a lot of eye-catching color. Bolder colors reproduce best. Lightly colored artwork will not show up well if reduced.
- Be careful to erase or cover pencil outlines.
- Fill up most of the page, being careful not to let the main parts of the drawing get too close to the edges of the paper.
- Make sure facial features on people and animals are bold (e.g. nose, eyes, lips, etc.) so they will reproduce well.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the volume of entries received, we are unable to personally acknowledge entries. Winners will be notified via email and mail. For questions, please contact Maureen Heil at 617-779-3871 mheil@propfaithboston.org.

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