



**Missionary Childhood Association
Annual Christmas Artwork Contest 2017-2018**

Announcing the 2017-2018 Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Christmas Artwork Contest! Twenty-four 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 2018.

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 2018** and announced to Catholic media in November 2018. 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 your local Missionary Childhood Association office; a complete listing is provided with this form. 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 # _____

(ARCH)DIOCESE _____

STUDENT'S HOME ADDRESS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2018 _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN _____

STUDENT'S HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER AS OF SEPTEMBER 2018 _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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, 2018.
- Each entry (drawing) MUST have the following information printed on the back: child's name, grade and school or RE/CCD name, address and phone number, principal's name and / or RE/CCD Director's name as well as the name of the diocese or archdiocese. Please copy the entry form and use it for this purpose. PLEASE USE TAPE TO SECURE THE ENTRY FORM TO THE BACK OF THE DRAWING. DO NOT GLUE OR STAPLE ENTRY FORM TO ARTWORK. DON'T FOLD ARTWORK!
- Please be sure to complete this entire information 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 okay.
- The illustration may be depicted HORIZONTALLY or VERTICALLY.
- Students must illustrate one of the subjects listed under the heading "Subjects."
- Acceptable media includes crayons, pastels, colored pencils, markers, tempera or watercolor paints. PLEASE—NO LEAD PENCILS.
- Artwork must be the child's own. Tracings and direct copies of other art 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.
- Do not include text or lettering on the drawing.
- 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.