



## Annual National Christmas Artwork Contest

Announcing the 2023-2024 MCA National Christmas Artwork Contest! MCA is a worldwide organization for Catholic youth, sponsored by the Pope through the Pontifical Mission Societies. The organization's motto is, "children evangelizing, children praying for the children, children helping children worldwide." The MCA National Christmas Artwork Contest is a way for participants to help others prepare for Christmas and share the Gospel through art. Submit your entry to the Catholic Foundation for your chance to be a national winner and spread God's love through your artwork!

Within the Diocese of Green Bay, four winners will be chosen from each age group:

- Grades Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>
- 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>

The artwork of the 16 diocesan contest winners will be sent to the Missionary Childhood Association National Christmas Artwork Contest. Then, 24 national winners will be selected in the national competition, which includes two grand-prize winners. All national winners receive a commemorative plaque; grand-prize winners will have their artwork appear as the official Christmas card of the National Office of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

National contest winners will be notified in late spring 2024, announced to Catholic media in fall 2024, and celebrated in December 2024.

**THEME:** Mother and Child (Mary with her infant son)

**DEADLINE:** December 1, 2023

**HOW TO ENTER:**

- **Mail:** Catholic Foundation, Attn: World Missions, PO Box 22128, Green Bay, WI, 54305-2128
- **Email:** [wmissions@gbdioc.org](mailto:wmissions@gbdioc.org)





Entry Form

*(Please print or type)*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE:  Boy  Girl

CHECK ONE:  Catholic School  Parish RE/CCD  Home School

Name of School or RE/CCD and Grade

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Principal, RE Director or Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
School or Parish Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School or Parish Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Daytime Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Email Address \_\_\_\_\_





## GUIDELINES

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Contest is open to young Catholics in grades K-8.  
Entries must be postmarked or received by:  
**December 1, 2023.**

- Submit entries via:
  - **Mail:** Catholic Foundation, Attn: World Missions, PO Box 22128, Green Bay, WI 54305-2128
  - **Email:** [wmissions@gbdioc.org](mailto:wmissions@gbdioc.org)
- Each entry (drawing) **MUST** be accompanied by an official entry form.
  - The form should be attached to the artwork with tape or glue stick.
  - Please do not staple the form to the
- Do not fold artwork.
- Artwork that does not conform to the guidelines will be disqualified.
- 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.
- Please note: Due to the volume of entries received, we are unable to personally acknowledge entries.

### 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.

### 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 (Digital copies are permitted)
- [The illustration must be depicted HORIZONTALLY.](#)
- Acceptable media includes crayons, pastels, markers, tempera or watercolor paints.  
*PLEASE — NO LEAD OR COLOR PENCILS.*