



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ARTWORK CONTEST 2024- 20225

Artwork entries received by the **Missionary Childhood Association**, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, by the January 24, 2025 deadline will automatically be considered for both National and Archdiocesan recognition.

Nationally, twenty-four winners will be selected from entries from dioceses across the United States. Winning artwork will be displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent and Christmas 2025. 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, Monsignor Kieran E. Harrington. Contest winners will be notified in Spring, 2025. All winners receive a commemorative plaque.

Within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, several entries will be selected for Archdiocesan recognition on World Mission Sunday, October 20, 2024. Winning artwork will appear on the website [phillymissions.org](http://phillymissions.org), and in publications of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. All winners will receive a certificate of award.

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. Please note, artwork cannot be returned. Artwork that does not conform to the guidelines will be disqualified

**Deadline for entries is January 24, 2025**

**Mail entries to: Missionary Childhood Association, Archdiocese of Philadelphia 222 N. 17th Street, Room #823, Philadelphia, PA 19103**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CIRCLE: Boy OR Girl GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CIRCLE: Catholic School OR Parish Religious Ed/CCD OR Home School

NAME OF SCHOOL OR RE/CCD: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL / DRE PRINCIPAL / DRE E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL OR PARISH ADDRESS SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL OR PARISH PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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## GUIDELINES

- Contest is open to young Catholics in Grades K-8. Entries must be postmarked or received by the Missionary Childhood Association in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 222 N. 17th St– Room #823, Philadelphia, PA 19103.
- All entries become the property of the MCA Archdiocesan and 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.

### ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS

- Artwork must be on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of WHITE paper — no construction or lined paper. White card stock is permissible. Digital copies are permitted)
- **The illustration must be depicted HORIZONTALLY.**
- Students must illustrate one of the subjects listed under the heading "Subjects."
- Acceptable media includes crayons, pastels, markers 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. 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.