



MCA Christmas Artwork Contest

Calling all Artists! *Deadline Approaching . . .*

DEADLINE: January 31, 2021!

Guidelines and Entry Form is on the diocesan website at:

<https://www.diopitt.org/missionary-childhood-association>

Send entries to: Diocese of Pittsburgh, Mission Office, 2900 Noblestown Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15205
Also, the National Office is accepting entries at National Office of the Missionary Childhood Association at 70 West 36th Street | 8th Floor | New York, NY 10018 Attn: MCA Artwork Contest

Every year, the national Missionary Childhood Association office in New York sponsors a Christmas Artwork Contest for students in grades K-8 in Catholic Schools, parish Religious Education programs and Catholic Home School programs. "These young artists are missionaries indeed, as they tell the 'Good News' of Jesus' birth through their drawings," said Oblate Father Andrew Small, National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, which include the Missionary Childhood Association.

Winning artwork is displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent and Christmas season each year. Two grand prize winners are selected and their artwork reproduced as the official Christmas cards of the National Director, Father Andrew Small. In addition to the two grand prize winners, 22 additional winners are selected from among thousands of entries submitted by children nationwide making a total of 24 winners.

A special Mass, award ceremony, and luncheon is held at the National Shrine to honor the winners in early December. All winners receive a plaque honoring their achievements.

**Congratulations to the
2019 - 2020 Winner
from the Diocese of Pittsburgh!**

Jaylee Duncan

Grade 8 Entry

St. Frances Cabrini Religious Education Program
Under the Direction of Ms. Deanna Stacho

For the Pittsburgh Catholic article, please see:

<https://pittsburghcatholic.org/2020/10/09/a-gift-that-lives-on/>

