



Entry Deadline – June 15th, 2020

Winners to be published in Archways Magazine

100% of proceeds to help Catholic Charities Food Pantries

CYO New York (<http://www.cyony.org/>) is excited to host the "Paint the Pantries" VIRTUAL Art / Essay / Photo / Poetry contest. Entry Deadline is June 15th. Poetry and Photography has been added.

The CYO Art & Essay Program traditionally receives thousands of entries each year by our parish and catholic school children wanting to demonstrate their artistic talents. We are all too familiar how the COVID-19 virus has taken this opportunity away. With schools moving to online distance learning, these talented artists and writers should still be able to display their artwork.

The purpose of holding a virtual Art Show is to keep our kids engaged and active. Keep them motivated during these challenging times. Creating a virtual art show and gallery creates new opportunities and a platform to celebrate these students. In partnership with *Archways Magazine*, the quarterly magazine of the Archdiocese of New York, a selection of winners will be published in the summer publication.

Whether you have an art piece you did not get to display due to the pandemic's-cutting our school year and social gatherings short, or an essay you want to share, this is your chance. Or maybe you want to do something from home, start now. In addition, with your submission, know that you will be helping others. 100% of the \$5 entry fee will go to help those experiencing food insecurity through one of the Catholic Charities food pantries.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- 1) **REGISTER** on www.cyony.org website, select contest you will be entering. (*You may enter multiple contests, be sure to have your submission ready at time of registration.*)
- 2) **PREPARE** your artwork, essay, photo or poetry. Enter something you created this school year or start from scratch and submit something new.
- 3) **UPLOAD** a high-resolution photo of your artwork during registration process. Or upload your essay, poetry or high-resolution photo submission.
- 4) **VIEW & SHARE** your artwork displayed on the online gallery at www.cyony.org
- 5) **WINNERS** will receive awards by mail and may also be published in the Archways magazine summer edition.



Art Contest Eligibility & Guidelines:

WHO MAY ENTER: Students in Grades 1 - 12

Art will be judged in the following age divisions:

Small Fry	First & Second Grades
Beginners	Third & Fourth Grades
Learners	Fifth & Sixth Grades
Masters	Seventh & Eighth Grades
Experts	Ninth & Tenth Grades
Elite	Eleventh & Twelfth Grades

Sculpture has been added for the virtual contest.

Enter any art that can have a still digital image (painting, sculpture, drawing, collage, etc.)

Must enter online. Do not mail art as it will not be entered in the contest or returned.

The subject of the photo must be created by the artist.

Please do not enter art from copyrighted sources such as pictures originated from Disney, Marvel, DC Comics, and Pixar or celebrity images that may have originated from a copyrighted photo.

HOW TO UPLOAD ART

- Upload a high resolution camera image (5 megapixels or higher is best, however 2 megapixels at the highest resolution will also work).
- Use indirect light to minimize glare.
- Take the photo as straight on as possible to prevent distortion and hold as still as possible.
- Make sure your image is not blurry and is clear.



Essay Contest Eligibility & Guidelines

As in previous years the Essay Contest provides a variety of selections for each participant to select a topic that will allow them the best opportunity for expression of the written word. By using no more than 650 words, participants should respond to one of the following prompts: The questions below were selected by the CYO Archdiocesan administrative staff after a thorough review of possible essay questions for this year's contest.

WHO MAY ENTER: The Contest is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

HOW TO ENTER: Choose one of the following topics

- What have you learned from the recent pandemic and/or the recent period of social distancing?
- Discuss how your faith has helped you through a challenging time in your life?
- How can youth change the world?
- Is there a teacher or parish leader that demonstrates the qualities of the CYO Mission statement of, "develops values and strength of character in tomorrow's leaders..."? Please tell us about this teacher or parish leader and how he/she has made you a better leader.
- Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart.

NOTE: There is 1 division in the Essay Contest: Elementary. In total, 3 essay submissions will be recognized for their work.

Essay is limited to 650 words and must be type written. Essays will be judged on content as it pertains to the topic, spelling, and grammar.

HOW TO UPLOAD YOUR ESSAY: Locate your essay on your computer and upload during registration process.



Photo Contest: Animals and Scenery

We are proud to announce the addition of the Photography contest. In this Inaugural year, we will focus on Animals and Scenery. I think we could all agree, that we could use some good things to laugh at right now. We've all been spending lots of time with our pets these last few months while observing stay at home orders due to the COVID-19, perhaps you have a great photo to enter. And while we have been confined to our homes, do you have an inspiration photo of scenery that can uplift us all? We want to see it.

WHO MAY ENTER Contest is open to participants in grades 6th - HS

HOW TO ENTER Participants must upload their photo outlined in registration instructions. (Animals or Scenery)

Each entry must comply with the following requirements: – Photographs must have been taken within three (3) years before the date of entry. – The Photograph must be an original work created by the Contest entrant. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges and warrants that the submitted Photographs are original works created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe upon the copy rights, trademarks, rights of privacy, publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity and that no other party has any right, title, claim or interest in the Photographs. – The Photographs must not in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Sponsor, contain obscene, provocative, explicit or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate.

Photographs must meet the following technical specifications: – Color or black and white digital files can be submitted. digital photographs a minimum 5"x7" 300 dpi (9m) jpeg of the winning Photographs must be made available to CYO so they can be published to the online gallery. – Photographs taken with digital camera or conventional films are eligible – An image that combines the elements of more than one photograph or has elements removed is not eligible. Minor burning, dodging and/or color correction is acceptable. The entries in each Category will be judged separately, in accordance with the Judging Criteria, as defined below. Any entrant whose Photograph does not meet the Photograph Requirements may be disqualified in the sole discretion of the Sponsor.

JUDGING Contest consists of one (1) round of evaluation. All eligible entries will be based on the following criteria: (1) Creativity 50% (2) Photographic quality 50%

HOW TO UPLOAD YOUR PHOTO: Locate on your computer and upload during registration. Upload a high resolution camera (5 megapixels or higher is best, however 2 megapixels at the highest resolution will also work).



CYO Poetry Contest

Students, you are invited to submit to the Inaugural CYO Poetry contest. The contest is open to 6th,7th, and 8th graders and all high school students. Middle School and High School will be judged separately. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize awards will be given.

WHO MAY ENTER Contest is open to participants in grades 6th - HS

HOW TO ENTER:

- 6,7,8 Grade: Submit one poem no longer than one page of poetry on any topic.
- High School: Submit one poem no longer than 2 pages on any topic.

Any form of poetry is acceptable. All submitted work must be original as well as the work of the poet entering the contest and not previously published.

HOW TO UPLOAD YOUR POEM: Locate your essay on your computer and upload during registration.