

Student Contest Criteria ¹

The Merciful Family

How is my family merciful to others? During the Jubilee of Mercy: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." (Matthew 5:7)

Prose/Poetry

Must be submitted with **OFFICIAL Student Contest Cover Sheet (one per entry)**

Must be typed or word processed and **cannot** include reference to student or school name on the front of page.

Prose must be **150** words to no more than **500** words in length (as indicated for Division 1 – 4th-8th grades; and Division 2 – 9th-12th grades). Word count **must** be noted on cover sheet.

Poem must be no more than **30** lines. Line count **must** be included at end.

Must be a genuine reflection on the theme, ***The Merciful Family***, and constitute a thoughtful and creative response.

Art

Must be submitted with **OFFICIAL Student Contest Cover Sheet (one per entry)**

Must **NOT** be matted or framed.

May only be two-dimensional and must not exceed 12" by 18" in size.

Must include fixatives so that works will not smudge or be altered by handling.

Must include the artist's *title of the work*.

May include photography, computer generated images, or may be in charcoal, pencil, watercolors, acrylics or oils. Please note all images whether computer, artist or photo generated, are considered property of the original artist.

Renderings of other works will be disqualified!

Music/Songwriting/Video

Must be submitted as MP3 or DVD with **OFFICIAL Student Contest Cover Sheet (one per entry)**

Must submit original music score for music.

Must submit original music score and lyrics for song.

All entries become the property of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. All artists are encouraged to retain a copy of their work since the original may not be returned. The Diocese of Kalamazoo shall own all the rights to all the entries, including copyrights and may publish the entries, in whole, or in part.

All entries (essays/poems/artwork/music/songs/videos) must be **submitted** or **postmarked** by **February 15th, 2016** and mailed to:

'The Merciful Family' Student Contest

Diocese of Kalamazoo

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¹ Art, Writing, Music & Video