

**2018 MCA Youth
Appreciation Mass**

Theme:

**“The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-
control.” (Gal 5:22-23)**

**2018-2019
Welcome Bulletin**



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Last year in September, Puerto Rico was hit by a devastating natural disaster- Hurricane Maria. This category 5 hurricane left many families without electricity, food, homes and brought forth much poverty. In spite of these struggles, the people of Puerto Rico have began their long road to recovery.

Mission Highlight:
**MCA in
Puerto Rico**

Many groups have gone to the island to help in any way possible. In recent months, thanks to your donations and contributions, we have been able to reach out and help small towns, Patillas and Aibonito, also active in MCA. The funds we sent to the children will allow them to have “Missionary Backpacks” for the new school year. Each student will receive a backpack complete with school supplies.

A special thank you to the students of Immaculate Conception School in Los Angeles for writing letters of encouragement wishing the Puerto Rican students a successful new school year.



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Pray for the Missions

Why pray the WMR? When we pray the World Mission Rosary we are saying a prayer for every part of the world. Through prayer we ask God to care for all of us, His children all over the world. The rosary is one of the most invoked prayers asking our Mother Mary to intercede for us to come closer to her Son, to follow His footsteps. Those that are suffering and those that are living in countries torn by war or other conflicts are in most need of our prayers.

The power of prayer is very mighty. When we say the rosary we are asking God to transform us and our world for the better, so that we may be able to live in peace, love, and joy. All of us are part of a family and we are all connected with each other. This is why we must ask not only for ourselves but also for all of humanity. Can you imagine a world transformed by prayer?



Christmas Artwork Contest



Congratulations to Chace Lee

--Ss. Felicitas & Perpetua School, San Marino
AND

Maya Mendez

--St. Thomas More School, Alhambra

We are proud to report that Chace and Maya have been announced as two of the national winners! Their artworks will be on display at the Cathedral of the National Shrine in Washington D.C. As national winners they will receive a commemorative plaque from our National MCA Office.



Our local MCA office will also be recognizing Chace and Maya as the national winners by displaying their work at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels' art chapel during Advent and Christmas season 2018.

The artwork of the 10 Local Finalists will also be displayed in the art chapel. To view online: www.missionsla.org/mca/christmas-artwork-contest/

Entries for the 2018/19 school year are due January 21, 2019!

**Rules for the
2018-2019 Christmas
Artwork Contest**
Announcing the MCA
Christmas Artwork Contest!
**Entries for the 2018-
2019 school year are
due on Jan. 21, 2019 and
shall be submitted to
our local MCA office in
the Archdiocese of Los
Angeles.**

For information regarding this school year's contest please read the entry forms included in this year's welcome packet. The entry form and contest rules are also available online at www.missionsla.org/mca/welcome-to-mca/

**We look forward to
seeing your Christmas
Artwork entries!**

Youth Appreciation Mass!

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

DOORS: 8:30AM + MASS 10:00AM (SHARP!)

We hope to see you and your students at this year's celebration of the Missionary Childhood Association Youth Appreciation Mass in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We would like to personally thank your students for their prayer, sacrificial giving, and participation in MCA. Their missionary efforts have not gone unnoticed and they have helped to improve the lives of other children.



This year the theme for the MCA Youth Appreciation Mass is "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal. 5: 22-23). The young church is the driving force of the work done by MCA. All children who are members not only give but also receive blessings. Their efforts are helping to spread the message of the Gospel and planting the seed of answering the call to mission.

We will have Bishop Joseph Brennan presiding the mass. He was very impressed last year by all the students in attendance. Don't miss out on this joyous celebration to empower and motivate our young church!



Please remember to send your school RSVP form as soon as possible and don't forget your hand made school banner to bring with you to the mass. If you have any questions, contact Magdalena Arellano at marellano@la-archdiocese.org or 213-637-7416.



Missionary Speakers

The MCA office is always looking to raise awareness of what it means to be a missionary and how to foster the missionary spirit! **Invite a local missionary to your school and bring to life the student's imagination, as they hear personal testimonies of what it means to be a missionary in service of others.** We work with many local missionaries from around the world who are happy to share their experiences with your students. These school visits can be scheduled for your entire student body, for a selected student-grade group or your Religious Education Program.

This is a great learning opportunity for your students to experience missionary work, the mission spirit and our call as baptized Catholics to be missionaries!



We encourage all schools to invite a local missionary speaker to speak with their students. Ask your school Mission Moderator to fill out a Missionary Request Form. This form is included in your summer mailing packet and is also available on our website as a downloadable resource by visiting www.missionsla.org/mca/missionary-speakers/

