The 2019/20 MCA Christmas Artwork Contest

All children in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are encouraged to enter our annual Missionary Childhood Association artwork contest. The Los Angeles MCA office will select twelve local winners from all entries submitted. The artwork of the twelve local winners will be on display at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels during December 2020.

* For a complete list of the 12 local winners please go to www.missionsla.org/mca/christmas-artwork-contest/

Entries for the 2019/20 school year are due January 31, 2020 and shall be submitted to your local Missionary Childhood Association office at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. (For terms and conditions, see reverse side.)

Entry Form

Student Name: ________________________________

Please check one:  □ Male  □ Female  Grade: __________________

Please check one:  □ Catholic School  □ Parish RE/CCD  □ Home School

Name of School or R.E./CCD: ________________________________

Principal / CCD Director/ Teacher: ________________________________

School / Parish Address: _______________________________________

School / Parish Phone Number: __________________________________

Student’s Home Address as of September 2019: ___________________

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Parent / Guardian: ____________________________________________

Student’s Home Telephone Number as of September 2019: ____________

Parent / Guardian E-mail Address: __________________________________

Each entry (drawing) MUST have an entry form attached to it.

PLEASE USE TAPE TO SECURE THE ENTRY FORM TO THE BACK OF THE DRAWING.

DO NOT GLUE OR STAPLE ENTRY FORM TO ARTWORK. PLEASE DO NOT FOLD ARTWORK
Mail or drop-off by **January 31, 2020** to
Missionary Childhood Association
3424 Wilshire Blvd., 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90010

**GUIDELINES**
- Contest is open to children in grades K-8.
- Each entry (drawing) MUST have an entry form attached to it. Please use tape to secure the entry form to the back of the drawing. Do not glue or staple entry form to artwork. Do not fold artwork. Write the students first and last name on the back of the artwork in lead pencil should the entry form become detached.
- All submitted entries become property of the MCA National Office, which reserves the right to depict all or part of the selected illustrations. It is not possible for the local or National Office to offer any compensation for entries or to return them, whether or not they are used.

**ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS**
- Artwork must be on an 8.5” x 11” sheet of WHITE paper—no construction or lined paper. White card stock is acceptable.
- The illustration must be depicted **HORIZONTALLY** only.
- Students must illustrate one of the subjects listed below, under the heading “Subjects”.
- Acceptable media includes crayons, pastels, markers, tempera or watercolor paints. **Please**—no lead pencil or color pencils.
- Artwork must be the child’s own. **Tracings and direct copies of another art cannot be considered. Students selected as finalist 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 and 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 reproduced.
- 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 the people and animals are bold (e.g. nose, eyes, lips, etc.) so they reproduce well.