



The Diocese of Portland: **Christmas Card Art Contest for Catholic Schools and Faith Formation Students**

The Diocese of Portland is seeking a cover art design for the 2021 Christmas Card. Any student affiliated with a Catholic parish or school in the Diocese of Portland may enter. Artwork provided by students will be judged by a committee and each of the four winners' designs will be used on the cover of the 2021 Christmas card. **One winner will be selected from each of the following grade groups; K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.** The winners' name will be printed on the back of the card and the winners will receive a special gift blessed by Bishop Deeley.

Contest rules:

- **Artwork must be an original creation of the child. It may not be traced or copied from another piece of artwork in any way.**
- This contest is open to any child affiliated with a Catholic school or parish in the Diocese of Portland.
- Artwork must be approximately 8-1/2" x 11" in size – do not fold artwork; do not include a mat or border.
- Artwork must reflect one of the following Scripture passages.
 - "She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger." (Luke 2:7)*
 - "The angel said to them, "I proclaim to you good news of great joy." (Luke 2:10)*
 - "For today in the city of David, a savior has been born." (Luke 2:11)*
 - "You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12)*
 - "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace." (Luke 2:14)*
- Artwork should not be mechanically or electronically generated – no clip art or photography, etc.
- Artwork must be on white or similar light-colored paper.
- Artwork should be in color – markers, crayon, colored pencils, paint, etc.
- Artwork should be two-dimensional – no glitter, feathers, sparkles, etc.
- Child's name should be neatly printed lightly **IN PENCIL** on the back of the artwork. **Name should not appear on the front of the artwork.**
- The included entry form, signed by a parent, or guardian, must be enclosed with the artwork.
- Artwork must be turned in or mailed to the Diocese of Portland, 510 Ocean Ave., Portland, ME 04103 by 4:30 p.m. October 29, 2021. *Late submissions will not be accepted.*
- Only one entry per child.

JUDGING: All entries will be judged by a panel of Catholic leaders in faith who will evaluate each entry on its creativity, artistic skill and Scripture accuracy. Judging will take place the week of November 1, 2021 and the winner will be notified by December 3, 2021. Judges have the right to disqualify any entry that does not follow these guidelines. The decision of the judges is final.

The Diocese of Portland is not responsible for loss or damage to entries. The Diocese reserves the exclusive right to authorize the reproduction of all entries in any form and to photograph the winning designs without compensation to the entrants. The Diocese has the right to use the winners' names for promotional materials.



Diocese of Portland's 2021 Christmas Card Art Contest Entry Form



Artist's Name: _____

Artist's Age: _____ Artist's Grade: _____

Artist's School/Parish: _____

Title of Artwork: _____

Medium used: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Art Teacher's Name (optional): _____

I hereby certify that the artwork submitted is my original artwork.

Artist's Signature/Date: _____

Parent's Signature/Date: _____

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