

2009 Catholic Schools Christmas Card Contest Winners

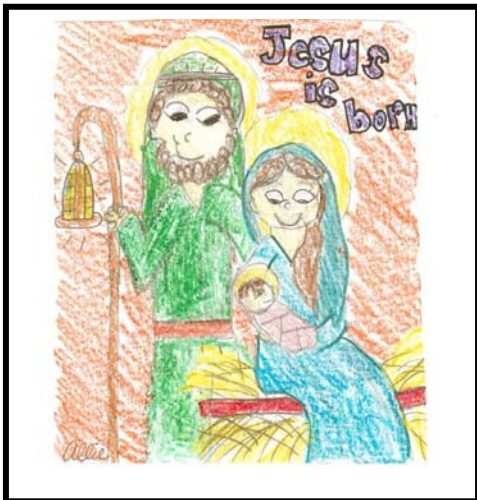
The Department of Catholic Schools held its first ever Christmas Card Contest for Monterey Diocese Schools in the Fall. Students submitted their original artwork for the cover of the card. In November a panel of judges from the Diocese selected the winning entries from three grade level categories. Winners received a \$100 Scholarship-in-the-Arts from the Department of Catholic Schools, which was credited to the student's tuition balance at the school.

Dr. Kim Pryzbylski, Superintendent, said "There were many entries and the judges marveled at the uniqueness of each design. The decision about the winners was not easy."

The Department of Catholic Schools is pleased to announce the results of the 2009 Christmas Card Contest.



Winning the Preschool-Grade 1 category is 1st grader Emma Magee of Junipero Serra School, Carmel. The judges were impressed with the vibrant colors and details in Emma's "Welcome Jesus" drawing of the manger scene, how she carefully colored within the lines, and the intricate details of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the animals. Smiles and halos abound! This 1st grader captured the joy and holiness of the Nativity.



5th grader Alexandria Staehle of Junipero Serra School in Carmel is the Grade 2-Grade 5 winner. The judges were delighted with the "wide-eyed wonder" of Mary and Joseph as they gaze upon The Babe in Alexandria's "Jesus is born" drawing. The judges also commented that Joseph's staff appears to include the El Camino Real bell! Allie is a whimsical and clever artist!



The judges were spiritually uplifted by the modern art appeal of Lauren Nobida's angel praying at the manger. Lauren Nobida, 6th Grader at San Carlos School in Monterey, won the Grade 6-Grade 8 category. No words are needed for this piece...it invites the viewer to silence and personal reflection.

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