

Contests to consider, with encouragement from your Missions Office

These contests are held on an annual basis, so please note for future reference, even if the deadline has passed.

Maryknoll Essay Contest

Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers' essay contest for **grades 6-8 (Division I) and grades 9-12 (Division II)**. The theme for 2015 is The Jubilee Year of Mercy. Students are invited to write an essay, sharing a real-life story of mercy that has inspired them. What does this story say about the need for mercy in our world today? Entries must be postmarked by **Friday, November 13, 2015**.

1st place prizes \$1,000 per division

2nd place prizes \$300 per division

3rd place prizes \$150 per division

All winning entries will be published online. For more information visit:

www.maryknollsociety.org/essay



Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest

Twenty-four winners will be selected in the 2015-2016 Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest; their artwork will appear as e-greetings on the website (MCAKids.org) and displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent 2016 and through the Christmas Season. The official entry form is at MCAKids.org and at OneFamilyInMission.org. Open to young Catholics in **grades K-8** in schools or parish religious education programs. Deadline is **Saturday, January 31, 2016**.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Multimedia Youth Arts Contest

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Multimedia Youth Contest is a tool to engage young people in **grades 7-12** in learning about poverty in the U.S., its root causes, and faith-inspired efforts to address it, especially through CCHD—local deadline is **Thursday, March 17, 2016**.

- Schools, parishes, and individuals use the contest materials to help students learn about poverty, its causes, and our faith response, and then students create art based on what they have learned.
- Entries can be visual arts, audio-visual or literature.
- The National Grand Prize winner will receive a \$500 cash award and a \$500 gift to be designated in the winner's name to a CCHD-funded group of the winner's choice.
- The 2015-16 contest theme is: *"Caring for God's Creation."*

For more information visit:

<http://usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/multimedia-youth-contest/index.cfm>



Just Video Contest 2016

The Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center's video contest for **High School Juniors & Seniors** deadline is **Monday, April 18, 2016**. Participants are encouraged to ...

1. Produce a video on one of the following:
 - Immigration
 - Human Rights (including human trafficking)
 - Environment (water or climate change)
2. Incorporate at least one of the following perspectives in your video:
 - Catholic Social Teaching
 - Social Justice
 - Catholic/Christian tradition
3. Create a dynamic video that shares what you have learned and inspires others to act for justice!

For more information or to download the official flyer: www.ipjc.org/programs/justvideo.html