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Dear School Administrator,

Now that school is in session, we ask that *The Catholic Times'* annual Christmas contest be placed on your calendar. We would be most appreciative if you could make sure that your school's art and English teachers receive the following information to insure that contest entries can be sent to our office by Nov. 19.

*The Catholic Times* is again offering cash prizes for the best artwork and writing submitted for our annual Christmas issue to be published Dec. 16..

Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: 5-8, 9-12, and 13-18. Awards will be given in two categories for each age group: artwork and writing. In each group, the first place winners will receive \$75; second place, \$50; and third place, \$25. We will publish the winning entries, along with any other entries we deem to receive an honorable mention.

Entries that will be considered are:

- Artwork: Color or black and white, depicting a Christmas theme. Media may include markers, crayons, colored pencils, paint, pastels or watercolor. Original freehand drawings only (no copying or tracing). Entries must be no larger than 8 ½ by 11 inches. (Any artwork not meeting these guidelines will not be considered.)
- Writing: Christmas reflections, poetry or fiction, not to exceed 300 words. Entries must be original work with a religious theme and with age-appropriate spelling and grammar.

Entries must be postmarked by Nov. 19 and **must include** the contestant's name, age, address, phone number, school and parish **on the back of the submitted work**. Entries submitted without this information will be disqualified. Please note that the age of contestants, not their grade in school, is being requested.

We also ask that teachers narrow down the entries to the top 10 of their choice from any one class period.

Send entries to: *The Catholic Times* Christmas Contest, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. If you would like entries returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact *The Catholic Times* office at 608-788-1524 or [bpaff@dioceseoflacrosse.com](mailto:bpaff@dioceseoflacrosse.com).

Sincerely,

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