

2015 – 2016 Christmas Poster Contest

All students in Grades 1 – 4 in private or public schools or who are home schooled are eligible to submit entries. (Grades 5 & 6 may be included but only at the council level.)

Admittedly the theme “**The True Meaning of Christmas**” results in numerous scenes of the Holy Family in the stable. While this may compromise originality, a manger scene of high artistic quality will certainly catch the eye of many judges. Past winning entries have focused on the Baby Jesus, the Madonna and Child, or the Magi on their journey to Bethlehem. Others emphasized family gatherings, a country church on Christmas Eve, Peace on Earth or incorporated Christmas carols. **DO NOT** include the words of the theme on the posters!

COUNCIL LEVEL – DECEMBER 1ST TO DECEMBER 15TH

Several councils recommended that the contest should begin after the First Sunday in Advent rather than before Thanksgiving. This later starting date makes the contest more timely!

Please use the official **Identification Label** found in the Wisconsin Book on the KC web site. **Only FIRST PLACE WINNERS at the council level are eligible for diocesan competition. Grand Knights/Contest Chairmen** must record the **winners’ names** and the **total number of entries** on the **official poster contest report forms**. (Feel free to send your own spread sheet with the essential information.) Send them to the **Diocesan Program Coordinator** by **Dec. 30, 2015**. This later deadline enables councils to display their posters at Christmas parties, or other venues if they wish.

DIOCESAN LEVEL

Diocesan Program Coordinators are obliged to send their **Report Forms** with the **1st and 2nd place winners along with the DIOCESAN total number of COUNCIL participants** to the **State Poster Contest Coordinator** by **JANUARY 15, 2016**. (Feel free to send your own spread sheet with the essential information.) Diocesan awards should be mailed to the winners and the results should be sent to each **District Deputy** to be forwarded to participating councils.

STATE LEVEL

The winners’ names will be published in the **State Deputy’s Notes** and the 12 winning posters will be displayed at our annual State Convention. State awards and these posters will be mailed to each winner.

Every effort should be made to return entries at all levels promptly!

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Councils are encouraged to use the OFFICIAL POSTER CONTEST IDENTIFICATION LABEL. Be sure to add your **Council #, District #** and **Diocese BEFORE** you make copies.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL
2015 - 2016 CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS**

ELIGIBILITY: The contest runs from **December 1st to the 15th** and is open to all students in grades 1 through 4 who attend private or public schools, or are home schooled. This includes religious education classes as well.

THEME: **“THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS” (Do NOT use the words of the theme on the poster!)**

JUDGING: Each grade level will be judged **separately**. The criteria will be:

A. Expression of Theme	20 points
B. Originality	30 points
C. Artistic Quality	<u>50 points</u>
Total	100 points

First Place winners are eligible for further competition at the **Diocesan Level**.

SIZE/MATERIALS: Entries **may not exceed 12” x 18”**. Standard construction paper or tag board are suggested. (Both are much easier to roll for mailing purposes.)

MEDIA: **Crayons** **Watercolors** **Colored pencils** **Magic markers**

- Please Note:
- 1. Posters should be the student’s original work.**
 - 2. Nothing may be pasted or glued to the poster.**
 - 3. NO tracing of pictures or letters.**

SUGGESTIONS: While the majority of past entries depicted the manger scene, several focused on the Baby Jesus or the Madonna and the Child. Others showed Mary and Joseph or the Magi on the way to Bethlehem. Another showed shepherds startled by angels in the sky. Some included family gatherings, a country church on Christmas Eve or Santa paying homage to the Christ Child. A number of posters emphasized Peace on Earth or incorporated Christmas carols.

DEADLINE: **DECEMBER 15, 2015**

IDENTIFICATION: **The official identification label is at the bottom of this page. Use a GLUE STICK or CELLOPHANE TAPE to attach it in the UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER of the BACK OF THE POSTER . Do NOT use staples or paper clips!**

_____, Contest Chairman

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POSTER CONTEST IDENTIFICATION LABEL

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PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (_____) _____

SCHOOL _____

COUNCIL _____ DISTRICT _____ DIOCESE _____