



MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

2024-2025
**CHRISTMAS
ARTWORK**
Contest Winners



From all the entries in the National MCA Artwork Contest for the 2024-2025 school year, Los Angeles had one national finalist and a grand prize winner. The artwork of all national winners will be on display during the Advent season of 2025 in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

Congratulations to our **Grand Prize winner Janielle Perez** from **Resurrection Catholic School** in Los Angeles. Her artwork will be used as the National Office Christmas card.



Congratulations to our **national finalist Emi Galicia** from **Incarnation Catholic School** in Glendale.

The artwork of all the local finalist for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will be on display at a chapel in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles during the 2025 Advent Season. We are very proud of them and hope that they continue to use their artistic talents to answer their call to missionary discipleship.

SAVE THE DATE

FOR NEXT YEAR'S MCA MASS ON OCTOBER 14, 2026!

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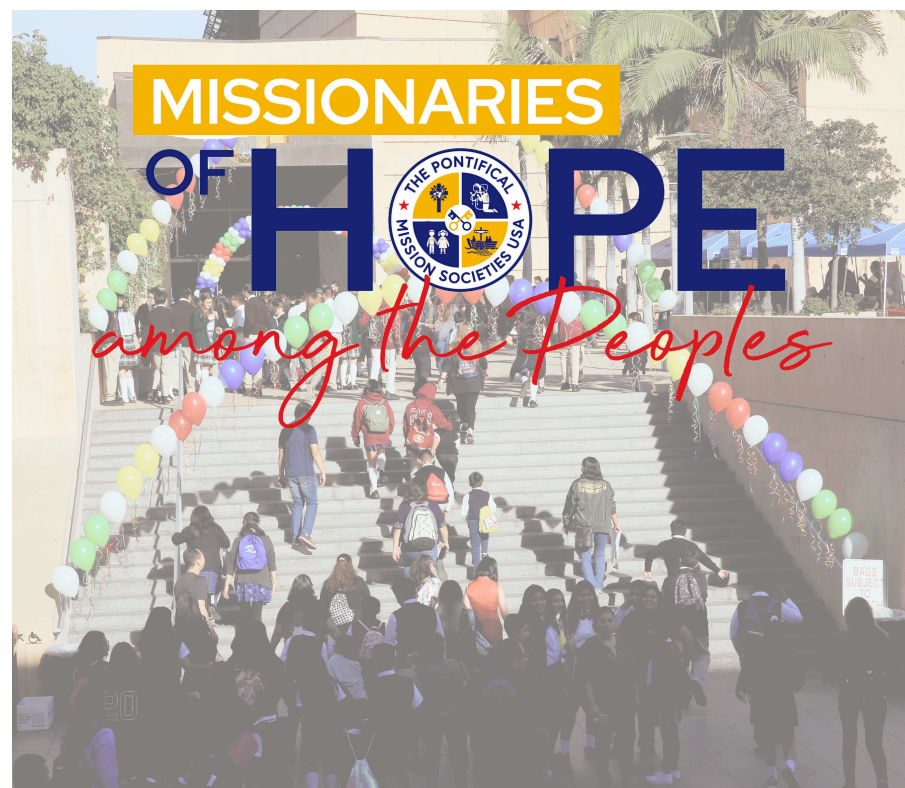
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Wednesday, October 15, 2025

MCA Youth Appreciation Mass



Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

Main Celebrant: Archbishop Jose Gomez

Concelebrant: Monsignor Terrance Fleming

Welcome

Good morning and a heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you! It is truly a joy to see all of you gathered once more for the Missionary Childhood Association Youth Appreciation Mass! This occasion is a vibrant celebration dedicated to you and the countless children who are part of the MCA family across the globe.

Founded in the year 1843, MCA stands as one of the four esteemed pontifical mission societies. This international fellowship comprises children from Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs, uniting young hearts from every corner of the world. Authorized by the Vatican, and in collaboration with the United States Catholic Council of Bishops (USCCB), we joyfully share mission education materials and inspire acts of sacrificial giving within Catholic Schools and religious education programs throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The primary goal is to help children recognize their baptismal calling to participate in the church's mission of evangelization. As members of the church, and through your contributions to MCA, each of you is a MISSIONARY!

Thank you for responding to your mission call!

Reverend Monsignor Terrance L. Fleming
Archdiocesan Executive Director



Thank You

Thank you to the Lay Mission Helpers, for joining us in our celebration and for sponsoring the Msgr. Anthony Brouwers Essay Contest. Their support encourages children to reflect on how they are answering their call to mission.

Founded in Los Angeles by Msgr. Anthony Brouwers in 1955, the Lay Mission-Helpers Association (LMH) creates opportunities for lay Catholic professionals to share their gifts and witness their faith in mission dioceses around the world. LMH is proudly partnering with the Missionary Childhood Association to promote mission awareness among Catholic school students by sponsoring the Msgr. Brouwers Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Each winner receives \$500 towards their Catholic education. For more information, visit www.laymissionhelpers.org.



TOP TEN FUNDRAISING SCHOOLS

Cathedral Chapel School, Los Angeles
Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Los Angeles
Beatitudes of Our Lord School, La Mirada
St. Mary School, Palmdale
American Martyrs School, Manhattan Beach
Holy Trinity, Los Angeles
St. John the Baptist School, Baldwin Park
Beatitudes of Our Lord School, La Mirada
St. Gregory the Great School, Whittier
St. Paschal Baylon School, Thousand Oaks

We extend our deepest thanks to the children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Your prayers and generous contributions are truly making a difference. With your support, MCA can continue its mission of helping children around the world grow in their faith. Please remain steadfast in upholding the MCA motto: ***“Children praying for children, children evangelizing children, children helping children worldwide.”***

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to Archbishop José Gomez, our main celebrant, and to all the priests who concelebrated with us today, especially the pastors of the schools present at the Mass and Fr. Rudy Valenzuela our homilist.

A special thank you goes to the choir from Our Lady of the Assumption School, as well as the dancers and drumline from Transfiguration School, for bringing joy to our celebration. We are also grateful to all the students who participated in the procession. Additionally, we feel blessed to have the support of students from Salesian High School and Sacred Heart High School who assisted today.

We express our sincere gratitude to the Cathedral staff and the mission office team for their invaluable support. A special thank you goes to the students of Sacred Heart High School and Salesian High School for their help.

With appreciation, we acknowledge our mission partners and all the missionary groups that joined us today as exhibitors: Salesian Family Youth Center, Mission Doctors, Lay Mission Helpers, Dalit Solidarity and Diocese of Aba/Diocese of Ahiara.

Finally, we extend our thanks to everyone who played a role in making this Mass possible and to all who attended.

God Bless You

CHOIR: OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION IN CLAREMONT, CA

DIRECTOR: MR. JORDAN LAKIN

PRELUDE

THE PILGRIM CALYPSO

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Refrain

We are pilgrims of hope
On a very special mission
Sent by the Lord To fulfil his holy vision
And to bring his love to all
Is our one true ambition
We are pilgrims, oh pilgrims of hope!

GATHERING

PRAISE

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Intro

Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Refrain 2

Praise the Lord, O my soul
Praise the Lord, O my soul

Refrain

Praise the Lord, O my soul
Praise the Lord, O my soul

I won't be quiet! My God is alive!
How could I keep it inside?
Praise the Lord, O my soul

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

LORD HAVE MERCY

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Lord have mercy(2)
Christ have mercy (2)
Lord have mercy(2)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Romans 8: 22-27

...The word of the Lord: ***Thanks be to God***

(Proclaimed by Alexa Martinez, Cathedral Chapel School in Los Angeles, CA)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM- Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

Arranged By: Mary Munoz

Refrain: *Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

RECESSIONAL

IN THE RIVER

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Refrain

We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river
We come alive in the river

Thank You



On behalf of our office, The Pontifical Mission Societies, especially the Missionary Childhood Association extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the students, parents, teachers, principals, and mission moderators within our Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs. Your efforts play a vital role in nurturing children's sense of vocation as missionary disciples through their involvement in MCA.

COMMUNION

TAKE, EAT, DRINK

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Refrain

We take, eat, drink
We remember

GOODNESS OF GOD

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Refrain

All my life you have been faithful
All my life you have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

WAY MAKER

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Refrain

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.
Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.
That is who you are.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of purest gold;
Sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Hallelujah Hallelujah

GOSPEL

John 15: 1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord: ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

HOMILY Rev. Rudy Valenzuela

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Spoken Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Proclaimed by Deacon of the Word and students. Marissa Alvarez from All Souls World Language Catholic School in Alhambra, Gabriella Pedrola from St. Joseph Catholic School in La Puente, Emily Cantoran from St. Mathias Dual Language School in Huntington Park, Victoria Mairano Carillo from Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School in Claremont, and Catherine Kongpech from St. Philip Neri Catholic School in Lynwood.)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

COLLECTION FOR MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR & PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

GRATITUDE

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Refrain

So I throw up my hands
And praise you again and again,
'Cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
And I know it's not much but I've nothing else fit for a King,
Except for a heart singing Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

HOLY HOLY/SANCTUS

Mass of Healing of the World, Trevor Thomson

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of Host.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is He who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

MEMORIAL ACLAMATION

Mass of Healing of the World, Trevor Thomson

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

AMEN

Mass of Healing of the World, Trevor Thomson

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

LAMB OF GOD/CORDERO DE DIOS

Mass of Healing of the World, Trevor Thomson

Lamb of God,
you take away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. (2)

Lamb of God,
You take away the sins
of the world,
grant us peace.