



The 2024 *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster Contest needs entries!

Overview

The annual Knights of Columbus' *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest encourages today's children and youth to be more involved and expressive in matters of the Catholic faith within the parish and local community.

The goal of this program is to motivate and involve Catholic children and youth in religious and life-affirming values in a variety of topics/subjects (such as Respect Life, Keep Christ in Christmas, Social Justice of the Poor and Marginalized, etc.).

Posters will be judged on grammar and how clearly the entrant presents the theme – which should also highlight creativity, imagination and overall understanding of the subject matter.

Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups:

1. Ages 5 through 7;
2. Ages 8 through 10; and
3. Ages 11 through 14.

Rules and Regulations

- ◆ Any boy or girl between the ages 5-14 years old is eligible to participate in the 2024 Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest.
- ◆ Eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of November 1, 2024.
- ◆ Each Poster must reflect the Keep Christ in Christmas theme with a visual image.
- ◆ Each Poster is to be the original work of the contestant.
- ◆ Any Poster that is copied or plagiarized from the internet, from a previous poster, or any other source, will result in the poster being disqualified. We ask that contestants create their own ideas on how to compose his or her Poster.
- ◆ Each Poster must have an official Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas Entry Form” attached to the poster.
- ◆ The name and age of each contestant should be on the back of the poster in case the entry form and poster get separated.
- ◆ Each contestant can only submit one entry to his or her local Knights of Columbus Council.
- ◆ All posters will become the property of the Knights of Columbus.
- ◆ Each contestant competes in one of three age groups: ages 5-7, 8-10, and 11-14 and each contestant will compete against contestants of their own age group.
- ◆ Only one winning poster in each age group will be allowed to advance to the Diocesan, State, and International Levels of Competition.
- ◆ St. Michael parish-level winners will be given award certificates and monetary gift cards (1st Place: \$50 / 2nd Place: \$30 / 3rd Place: \$20.00).

Grading Or Judging

- A **100-point** scoring system will be used to determine the winners at every level.
- **Slogan** – 30 Points: How clearly is the theme presented?
- **Visuals** – 30 Points: How well do the visuals convey the message?
- **Overall Impact** – 40 Points: How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic at hand?

Important Deadlines

November 13, 2024 – Dissemination of the 2024 Christmas Poster materials to children and youth St. Michael Parish’s RE classes.



December 4, 2024 – Deadline to submit the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest to the St. Michael Parish Church Pastor for parish-level evaluations.

December 15, 2024 – Deadline for submittal of all posters to Council #14785 to evaluate and forward to state, if/as needed.