

## **7th Franciscan Fine Arts & Poster Contest 2023** **“The Greccio Nativity Scene”**

**Our Lady of the Angels Regional Council**  
**Secular Franciscans of Western Canada**

**Dear Pastors, School Principals, Teachers, Children’s Liturgy Co-Ordinators and Parents,**

Our Lady of the Angels Regional Council invites children and youth to participate in our 7th Franciscan Fine Arts & Poster Contest held on December 3, 2023. This year marks the 800th Anniversary of the Christmas Greccio, in which St Francis of Assisi is credited with creating the first nativity scene in 1223 in a cave near Greccio, Italy. For more information about this story please click the links below.

Kindergarten and Elementary school

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DggGqDzTXJM&pp=ygUmVGhllG5hdGl2aXR5IHNjZW5lIHNOIGZyYW5jaXMgZm9yIGtpZHM%3D>

Jr High and High school <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-12/pope-francis-reflection-greccio-nativity-scene.html>

As a suggestion, show the videos to the participants according to their grade to support their project. It would be a good idea to work on the art project during the month of October as it is the month Catholics celebrate St Francis of Assisi.

Instructions:

Drawing or painting must be no bigger than 11” x 17” using any technique. All 3D models must be on a base no bigger than 8” x 10”. The art work submitted MUST be the student’s own original imagery.

The participant must fill out the Official Entry Form and include a paragraph explaining the artwork and something they learned about “The Greccio”. The paragraph should be attached to the entry form with a paperclip or glued and sent to the address on the entry form. The deadline to submit all entries is on November 15, 2023. Please note that age and grade are necessary in each category on the entry form. The winners will be notified by their school or parish as indicated in the entry form. The winner’s submissions, along with their first name, will be posted on Our Lady of the Angels Regional Council Website at [www.olota.org](http://www.olota.org)

The contest will be held on December 3, 2023. The winners will be selected through a voting event. Prizes per Category: There is only one 1st place per category. 2nd and 3rd places will receive Honorable Mentions and Artistic Merit diplomas. 1st place will receive a gift card of the winner’s preference.

Kindergarten-	\$25 Gift Card
Elementary -	\$50 Gift Card
Jr High -	\$100 Gift Card
High School -	\$125 Gift Card

Thank you, God bless you with peace and joy!

Maritza Chouza, OFS Director of Youth at Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity