

August 1, 2015

In celebration of the 2015 National Migration Week, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops/Migration and Refugee Services (USCCB/MRS) is sponsoring a migration themed Children and Youth Poster Contest that highlights the various ways in which migration manifests itself in the United States and around the world. Posters could focus on the experience of refugee youth who want to creatively express what resettlement in the United States has meant to them, immigrant youth who want to reflect on their immigration experience, and native-born American youth who want to express their understanding of migration in our contemporary world and welcoming newcomers.

For over thirty years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has observed National Migration Week as a moment in the life of the Church to reflect upon and celebrate the wide ethnic and cultural diversity of the Church and the ministries that serve people on the move. This celebration has also served as an opportunity for the Catholic community to be educated and informed on issues related to refugees, asylees and other forced migrants, immigrants, trafficking victims and other people on the move.

Posters are due to USCCB/MRS by October 31st, 2014. One winner in each of three age groups will be selected and their artwork showcased on the USCCB/MRS website during the 2015 National Migration Week. Winners will receive their artwork in a framed keepsake and a \$125 Visa Gift Card. Applicants grant permission to USCCB/MRS to use their entries in future USCCB/MRS events and publications.

We are excited about this initiative and invite you to encourage your refugee, immigrant, and native-born youth to participate. Contact Todd Scribner (TScribner@usccb.org) with any questions. We look forward to seeing their creative and inspirational artwork!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Johnny Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Johnny" and last name "Young" clearly distinguishable.

Ambassador Johnny Young (ret.)
Executive Director
USCCB Migration and Refugee Services

2015 National Migration Week Children and Youth Poster Contest

Rules and Information

About the Contest:

The USCCB/MRS Migration Children and Youth Poster Contest provides an opportunity to reflect on the theme of migration in the modern world by encouraging youth to creatively document the myriad of ways in which migration manifests itself in our contemporary world. Its main goal is to celebrate the 2015 National Migration Week through the perspective of youth and children who desire to express their understanding of migration.

General Rules:

- All youth, ages 5- 18, are eligible to participate. Participation will be based on three age categories: 5 – 9, 10 – 13, and 14 – 18.
- Submissions must include an original work of art by the youth with their name and age category marked on the back of the poster, and a brief, biography describing the story and meaning behind their poster. The entry must be accompanied by a Contest Entry Form signed by the youth's parent or guardian.
- Posters may include multiple mediums such as crayons, markers, paint, pastels, etc.
- Each entry must be submitted either electronically to TScribner@usccb.org or via mail, addressed to:

Todd Scribner
USCCB/MRS
3211 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017

- Entries submitted via mail may not be larger than 24 x 36 inches and may not be laminated or framed.
- Use of any inappropriate image or language will automatically disqualify the entry.
- Entry to this contest results in the automatic submission to the rules and decisions of the USCCB/MRS judges. The copyright to all entries will belong to USCCB/MRS. Posters may be used in USCCB/MRS promotions, publications, or exhibitions. Original entries will not be returned.

Deadline:

The deadline for the submission of entries to USCCB/MRS is **October 31st, 2014**. Entries received after this date will not be eligible.

Prizes:

One winner in each age group will be selected and receive a framed keepsake of their artwork and a \$125.00 Visa Gift Card. All received posters may be used in future USCCB/MRS publications and events.

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Contest Entry Form

Artist's Name:			
Age Category: (circle)	5 – 9	10 – 13	14 - 18
(Arch) Diocese:			
Contact Name:			
Contact Phone Number:			
Contact Email Address:			

Title of the Artwork: _____

Brief Description of the Work: (What does it represent? What is its message?)

Brief Biography of the Artist: (How did you become aware and interested in migration?)

Please check the appropriate box below indicating if the artist agrees to the use of his or her name in future USCCB promotional material depicting his or her artwork.

☐ I allow USCCB to use my name in publications or promotions depicting my artwork.

☐ I **do not** allow USCCB to use my name in publications or promotions depicting my artwork (artist's name would remain anonymous).

Agreement for Entry of Artwork:

_____ (name of parent representing Contestant) (referred to in this agreement as Contestant), on behalf of my minor child, _____ (name of minor child and contestant), agrees (a) that by submitting _____ (name and description of art entry) (referred to in this Agreement as "Artwork") Contestant will abide by the Art Contest Guidelines attached to this agreement and which Guidelines are incorporated in this Agreement, (b) that USCCB shall be the sole and exclusive owner of the Artwork and rights in the Artwork, including but not limited to the copyright, and that USCCB shall own or be licensed to use any materials and/or elements embodied in the Artwork which are not original to Contestant, (c) to indemnify and hold harmless USCCB from and against all claims, suits and costs which USCCB may incur arising from the Artwork, USCCB's use of the Artwork (and any element of the Artwork), and Contestant's preparation of the Artwork, and (d) that USCCB may assign, license or otherwise transfer its rights under this Agreement and that this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of USCCB's assigns, successors and licensees. Contestant also grants USCCB the exclusive right to use the photography depicting the Contestant for inclusion in written, audio-visual, and digital materials on the subject of and any ancillary use or derivative works and for all merchandising purposes. Contestant acknowledges that the depiction of him/her in the Photo may be duplicated and distributed in any and all manner and in any media throughout the world in perpetuity. Contestant and USCCB have indicated their acceptance of this Agreement by signing below:

By: _____
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

By: _____
Todd Scribner
MRS Education Outreach Coordinator
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Date: _____

Date: _____

Entry Form Checklist:

- _____ Entry by the refugee youth with their name and age grouping marked on the back of the poster.
- _____ Completed Contest Entry Form with description of artwork, brief biography of the refugee youth, and Agreement for Entry of Artwork signed by parent or guardian.