



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GRAND ISLAND

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2026 PRO-LIFE ART CONTEST APPLICATION

CONTEST DEADLINE: Must be received in the Chancery office on or before February 18, 2026 (if mailing, postmark at least 10 -14 days before Feb. 18th)

ELIGIBILITY: Any Student (Grades K-6) residing within the Diocese of Grand Island boundaries. Entrants can be from a public, parochial, home school, **or parish classroom**. (Special needs children, those on IEP, please write “special” for grade). Outside parties are brought in to judge, so all rules and instructions must be met for the entry to be eligible.

RULES:

- Design must be on an 8-1/2” x 11” (letter size) paper with a minimum 1/2” clear border around the outside edge. However, the image/design can be smaller than 8 1/2 x 11 (the image does not need to fill the page).
- Picture/drawing must have a ***Culture of Life message or theme***.
- Pencils, crayons, markers, paints, etc. can be used.
- Top 3 Entries from each class must be received in the Chancery Office on or before February 18, 2026. Teachers submitting for their classroom should set an earlier deadline (allowing ample time for the top 3 entries to be chosen and submitted to the Diocese.) Teachers should keep copies of their top 3 entries and the originals of all other submittals until notified by the Diocese that a final decision has been made.
- Contest winners become eligible to compete for the Knights of Columbus statewide contest. Entries received become the property of the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation and will not be returned.
- NO INFORMATION SHOULD BE ON THE FRONT OF THE ENTRY. Each entry must have a completed Entrant Application Form (page 2) **taped to the back of their entry**. ***Please inform students before they begin, not to write anything on the front as this will disqualify their entry. We bring in outside parties to judge the contests.***

DIOCESAN PRIZES:

Winners for all grade levels will receive certificates and monetary awards as follows: \$40 for First prize, \$30 for Second prize, and \$20 for Third prize. ***The top Diocesan applicants will also be forwarded to the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation for Nebraska’s statewide contest. Updates on winners and requests for group photos will be sent via email.***

STATEWIDE PRIZES:

Awards are presented at the Knights of Columbus State Convention.

1st place winning artist receives \$200 cash, and their art will be on the ONE ROSE, ONE LIFE prayer card in 2027: along with their winning school or parish religious education program receiving \$500 cash. 2nd and 3rd-place winners also receive cash prizes. (see <https://nebraskakofc.org/programs/culture-of-life-art-contest.html>).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES:

Below is the entrant application form, which should be **taped on the back** of each entry. **Entries without this information will be disqualified.** Teachers should NOT submit more than 3 entries per grade per parish/school.

Winners will be notified by mail or contacted through their schools or parishes. Entries will **NOT** be returned unless prior arrangements are made. Teachers should print copies before sending them in. Please Do not attach personal photographs.

**Entries to the Diocese must be received by Feb 18, 2026
(if mailing, postmark at least 10-14 days before Feb. 18th)**

Diocese of Grand Island
Attn: Art Contest
2708 Old Fair Road
Grand Island, NE 68803-5221



CUT the identification portion below and scotch tape to the back of the entry. Please print legibly.

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TODAY'S DATE: _____

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ **AGE** _____ **GRADE** _____

SUBMITTED BY:

NAME: _____ **TOWN:** _____
Name of School or Parish Town of School or Parish

TEACHER'S CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ **EMAIL:** _____ **PHONE:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ **EMAIL:** _____ **PHONE:** _____

CITY/STATE: _____ **ZIP:** _____

K OF C COUNCIL NAME & NUMBER (if known)
