



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF
BROWNSVILLE**

VOCATIONS OFFICE

October 24, 2025

Dear Principals and Teachers:

First and foremost, our sincere gratitude to each and every one of you who has assisted and encouraged your students to participate in the Vocation Art Contest. We are truly amazed by your student's creativity and talents. We are also grateful for your assistance in promoting this contest in your schools and making it a successful event. We could not continue doing this contest without your help.

We would also like to acknowledge Rev. Robert Moreno, Jr., for his tireless work and efforts that made the Vocation Art Contest possible. Although Father Moreno is no longer part of our office – he is furthering his studies at the Catholic University of America seeking a degree in Canon Law – thanks to the foundation he built, we can continue with the Vocation Art Contest.

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated November 2 – 8, 2025. We encourage Religion and Art classes to work together to incorporate vocation lessons during National Vocation Awareness Week and throughout the remainder of the month. The vocations lessons should lead into the Vocation Art Contest. Resources on vocations lessons can be found on our webpage – <https://www.cdob.org/nvaw>.

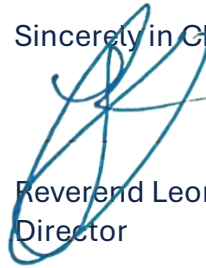
Students in Pre-K through Eighth grade are invited to create a drawing no larger than 11" x 17" to promote vocations. Drawings should be hand-drawn, that is artwork created using pencil, paint, markers, crayons, etc. Students are encouraged to incorporate scripture verses, slogans, catchy phrases, or other words / phrases to highlight the promotion of vocations. Should you wish to show your student's examples of drawings, please visit our website to view artwork submitted in previous years.

We ask each school to submit the top 5 artworks per grade level to our office by December 18, 2025. No group projects, please. Only individual student's projects will be considered. Artwork will be judged based on creativity, craftsmanship, effort, and overall vocation message. Enclosed are the guidelines by which all artwork will be judged. Winners will be recognized by the Diocese and the Office of Vocations at the Vocation Art Contest Awards Ceremony in the spring of 2026.

Once again, our heartfelt gratitude for your help in making this event a success and for fostering a culture of vocations in our diocese. Should you have any questions, please get in touch with us at 956.784.5060 or via email at vocations@cdob.org.

We look forward to your students' participation and seeing their drawings. Please be assured of our prayers for you and all Catholic school educators and students. God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L. Rodriguez-Bazan', written over the printed name.

Reverend Leonel Rodriguez-Bazan
Director

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Enclosures