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# St. Charles Borromeo Religious Formation Family Newsletter

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Information regarding Religious Formation can be found on the parish website at [www.stcharlesomaha.org](http://www.stcharlesomaha.org)

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### Upcoming Dates:

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| Nov 12      | First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat |
| Nov 12 & 13 | Vocations Weekend – after all Masses      |
| Nov 15 & 16 | Class                                     |
| Nov 22 & 23 | No Class                                  |
| Nov 27      | Advent Begins                             |

## RF FAMILY POTLUCK

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our first Religious Formation Potluck. It was great to see so many of you there. Thank you also to the committee members for putting this together.



### Our Mission Statement

*To be Christ for one another living the command of Jesus: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how we all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - John 13:34b, 35 (New American Bible)*

## RECONCILIATION REMINDER



The First Reconciliation Parent/Child retreat is Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Your child must attend the retreat session you signed up for along with a parent/guardian. **Please plan on showing up 10-15 minutes early to check in, as we will begin promptly on time.**



During the month of November we spend extra time focusing on all of the things we are thankful for. To this end, the Religious Formation Program will have several Thanksgiving Trees in the narthex. On these trees will hang leaves with all of the things our students are thankful for. Be sure to stop and see them and even add your own leaf to the tree.

## ALL SAINTS DAY SIGN IN

If for some reason you attended an All Saints Day Mass and did not get your child signed in, please let us know so we can adjust our attendance sheets accordingly.



## COLORS OF CHRISTMAS

The *Catholic Voice* "Colors of Christmas - Plus" art contest is fast approaching. Dec. 2 is the deadline for submissions.

Winning artwork will be published on the front page of the December 16 issue of the *Catholic Voice*! Prizes for the top entries will also be awarded. Details are outlined in the flyer below. Please encourage your child(ren) to participate. We would love to have a winner from St. Charles this year!!

## CONFIRMATION INFORMATION



As you know, this week was our Circle of Grace lesson. The 1st and 2nd year prep are being sent home with papers that need to be signed by parents and students. Please take a few minutes to review these with your child and talk to them about what they learned. Also, please send these signed papers back with your child NEXT WEEK.

## CMG Connect Parents

In conjunction with CMGConnect Parents, we are offering parents the tools you need to protect your children and enable them to use technology responsibly. In just 20 minutes, you'll learn about digital threats and how to best avoid them. Strengthen your relationship with your children and build trust and accountability through this simple, effective program. Visit [www.cmgparent.org](http://www.cmgparent.org) to sign up. Please see the flyers at the bottom of this newsletter for more information.

## VOCATIONS WEEK

Join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St Charles Borromeo Vocation's Fair in the gym after each Mass the weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Participating will be a seminarian representing the Priesthood, several Sisters representing the Consecrated Life, and members of St. Charles to discuss the role of laity. They will be available to meet and visit with you. Snacks will be served.

The Knights of Columbus are also sponsoring a Vocations Art Contest.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VOCATIONS ART CONTEST

**All entries are due by November 10, 2016**

- The contest is open to ALL students from first to sixth grade.
- Design should be on a paper 8 ½ x 11 inches (standard). Paper can be any color.
- Picture/drawing must have a VOCATIONS message or theme; pencils, crayons, markers, paints, etc. can be used. (No glitter please).
- Entries must be received by November 9, 2016. Art will be displayed in the gym during Vocations Weekend (November 12/13). Winners will be announced that weekend.

Entries can be dropped off in the office or brought to class. Entries must include **Name, Age, Grade on the back of the poster.**

**Prizes will be awarded by age groups (1-2, 3-4, and 5-6)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - \$15 gift card**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - \$10 gift card**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - \$5 gift card**

### POSSIBLE THEMES/TOPICS FOR POSTERS

- \* What are vocations?
- \* Is God calling?
- \* What is a priest, deacon, religious sister/brother, married or single?
- \* What does it mean to be a priest, deacon, religious sister/brother, married, or single?
- \* What might my vocation be?

# 2016 Colors of Christmas

## Honoring artists ... feeding the poor

Last year, about 2,500 students from across the Archdiocese of Omaha entered the fifth annual Colors of Christmas art contest. But that contest was more than about art. The 2,500 entries produced 104 cases of canned goods divided among four pantries in Omaha.

This year, young artists again will compete for honors and prizes and help the needy. For every student's entry, Woodhouse Family Auto will donate one unit of food to pantries in Columbus, Norfolk and Walthill.

Will we meet or exceed last year's effort? It's up to the students. Those who have entered before are encouraged to enter again. And for those who haven't entered in the past, why not try this year?

The overall winning entry will be published as front page art in the Dec. 16 issue of the Catholic Voice. Eight other winners will be featured in that same issue and all winners will receive gift cards (see contest rules).

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\* Must be a student in a Catholic school or parish religious education program or a Catholic schooled at home in the Archdiocese of Omaha.

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### Food Sponsor



### Here's how it works:

- \* Create art based on the Christmas story told in Matthew 2:9-11.
- \* Draw and color – using crayons, markers, glitter, oil or water color paints, pastels ... whatever you want.
- \* Use an 8 1/2 X 11 or 9 X 12 sheet of paper.
- \* Submit your entry to the Catholic Voice at the address listed below. Include a contest form (signed by a parent or guardian), available Nov. 1 on the Catholic Voice website: catholicvoiceomaha.com.
- \* Entry deadline: Dec. 2

Send your entry (please don't fold), along with the entry form, to:

**Colors of Christmas**  
Catholic Voice  
P.O. Box 4010  
Omaha NE 68104-0010

### Gift card prizes!

The top three entries in each of three grade categories (K-1, 2-3 and 4-6) will receive gift cards from participating book/gift stores:

- \* \$75 in gift cards for first place
- \* \$50 in gift cards for second place
- \* \$25 in gift cards for third place

**Plus: The overall winner will receive an additional \$50 in gift cards!**

### Participating Sponsors



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October 19, 2016

Dear Parents:

As a parent, the Archdiocese of Omaha recognizes that you are the first educators of your children, and understands the struggles you face in keeping your child safe. One of the greatest threats to children's safety is found online – pornography, sexting and other dangerous practices are found everywhere, from computers to mobile phones. The majority of teenagers spend over 70% of their time attached to a screen or electronic device. These numbers are staggering and it leaves young people at increased risk for behavioral issues as they get older. Early exposure to pornography, violent videos games, and social media overload can shape attitude, values, sexual inhibitions, as well as violent tendencies.

We encourage you to visit the new **CMG Connect: Parents website**, which has resources and a free video A Safe Haven Starts at Home. The purpose of **CMG Connect: Parents** is to help educate parents, teachers and other adults in risk factors and unhealthy internet usage.

We hope that through this free platform, parents can learn dangerous behaviors to watch for, set realistic computer/internet usage time, and establish open communication with their children or other young people.

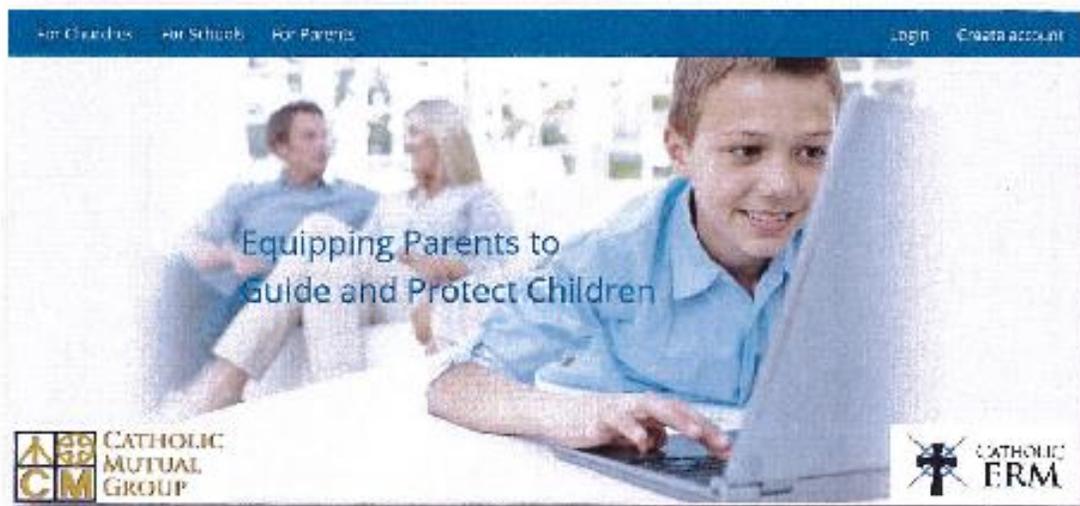
In supporting the formal Bishop's statement on pornography, "Create in Me a Clean Heart", the Archdiocese of Omaha is offering this new parents education webpage. To utilize these valuable resources, please create a free account at: [www.CMGparent.org](http://www.CMGparent.org), watch the 18 minute video, and take the short quiz.

Thank you for your service to the Church and commitment to keeping all children protected.

Archdiocese of Omaha

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## P A R E N T S



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- **FREE** training platform.
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- Offers parents a new solution and resource to fight unhealthy internet usage.

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