



Catholic Schools Week Writing and Visual Arts Contest

Journey to Emmaus - Luke 24:13-25 - On the Journey Together

About the Contest

We want to hear from our students in our schools about what “**The Journey to Emmaus**” or “**On the Journey Together**” means to you or how it is important in your life. Below are some questions to help guide your reflection, but do not feel limited by these questions. Follow your heart, your experiences, and your faith journey.

- What does “The Journey to Emmaus” mean to you personally? How are we, as Catholics, on a journey together? How can we support one another as we journey through life and faith together?
- In the Emmaus story, Jesus walked alongside the disciples even when they did not recognize Him. How do you see Jesus walking with you in your life?
- What does “Adelante! Going Forward Together” mean to you as a student, friend, family member, or member of the Church? When have you felt encouraged, welcomed, or understood by someone else? How can you be a light or companion for someone who may feel lonely, sad, or lost?
- How can young people help build a stronger, kinder, and more faithful community? What are your hopes for your future, your school, your parish, or the world?
- If Jesus walked beside you today, what would you want to tell Him or ask Him?

Please note, for visual art submissions, responses can be abstract, literal, symbolic, interpretive. realistic - whatever best conveys your message.

Contest Categories

Writing Category: Poetry, prayer, essay, or song writing. Videos will be accepted for these submissions.

Visual Arts Category: Photography, painting, sketching, sculpture, collage. (If your chosen medium or genre is not listed here, that is OK! Go ahead and submit it.)

Submissions must be your own original work and not published elsewhere. Group projects are allowed but all students must turn in an entry form.

You may make a submission in both categories.

Prize Divisions

	Writing	Visual Art
First Place	Elementary (1-4)	Elementary (1-4)
	Middle (5-8)	Middle (5-8)
	High School	High School
Second Place	Elementary (1-4)	Elementary (1-4)
	Middle (5-8)	Middle (5-8)
	High School	High School
Third Place	Elementary (1-4)	Elementary (1-4)
	Middle (5-8)	Middle (5-8)
	High School	High School

First, second and third place recognition prizes will be awarded for each two categories at elementary, middle and high school levels for a total of 18 prizes. The contest is open to all Catholic students within the Catholic Diocese of Memphis.

Winning entries in each division will receive a small celebration with the Bishop of the Diocese of Memphis. All winning entries will be celebrated on the Diocesan website, social media, and Faith Magazine.



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How to Enter

Entry deadline is January 8, 2027. The winners will be announced during Catholic Schools Week January 31, 2027, to Saturday, February 6, 2027. All entries must have the completed form to be considered for entry.

Diocesan Catholic School Students - Submit to your teacher:

Submit your writing or art with the attached form to your teacher whose class you learned about this project in.

All other Students - Mail/Deliver Art and Form to the Catholic Center, 5285 Shelby Oaks Drive, Memphis, TN 38134

Questions:

Contact: Allison Thron, allison.thron@cc.cdom.org or 901-373-1220.

Entry Form

Name of Student_____

Name of Parent/Guardian_____

School_____

Grade_____

Home Address_____

Registered Church Parish_____

Parent Email_____

Parent Phone_____

Parent Signature_____

Teacher Signature_____