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CONDUCT OF TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS! CONTEST

With reference to the invitation of Family Rosary Crusade Philippines, this office informs the Schools Division Offices of the Annual Creative contest "TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS!". The contest will run from August 22, 2025 to January 31, 2026.

The said activities aim to promote the culture of prayer and create an avenue for children to showcase their talents and their understanding of Catholic teachings.

Kindly refer to the attached letter for more details about the activities.

Furthermore, those interested in joining are reminded of the following conditions:

- that the Schools Division Office be informed, in writing, of participation in any of the said activities;
- participation is strictly on a **voluntary basis**;
- expenses to be incurred shall be on a **personal basis** or **sourced from a legitimate local government unit or donor**; and
- strict observance of **Time-On-Task Policy** or the **No Disruption of Classes Policy** of the Department.

For information of all concerned.

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August 18, 2025

ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II
Regional Director
DepEd Region 4-A CALABARZON
Karangalan Village, Cainta, Rizal

Dear Atty. Escobarte,

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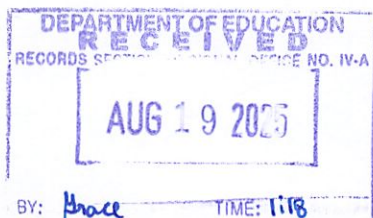
I am Fr. Terence Abranches, National Director of **Family Rosary Crusade Philippines**. Since 1977, FRC has been in the Philippines supporting the mission of our founder Fr. Patrick Peyton, to promote family prayer, especially the rosary. We are internationally affiliated with Holy Cross Family Ministries in Boston, Massachusetts, USA which oversees the mission legacy of Fr. Peyton.

Beginning 1999 and every year thereafter, FRC has been holding an annual creative contest called **TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS!** The contest aims to promote the culture of prayer and create an avenue for children to showcase their talent and their understanding of Catholic teachings. The contest has four (4) categories: **Art, Prose, Poetry and Digital Art** and is open to students from Grade 4 to Grade 10. Cash prize of P5,000, medal, certificate and plaque await both the winning student per grade level and the school where she/he is enrolled. The winning entries automatically qualify to the international level as official entries from the Philippines and will compete against 18 countries worldwide.

We wish to seek for your endorsement of our 2025-2026 competition to all schools within the CALABARZON region to give students a chance to associate creatively with a deepening of their faith and to be recognized by an international organization for their exceptional talent. Our contest will run from August 22, 2025 to January 31, 2026 with the theme: **"Prayer: Encountering Jesus, the True Hope."** Please see attached rules and guidelines.

Our School and Youth Coordinator in the person of Mr. Criz dela Cruz will be available for inquiries about our contest through his mobile number 0998-9893138 or Facebook account: FRCPhilippines or e-mail: frcphil@yahoo.com.

Thank you very much and may God bless you and your family always.



In Jesus and Mary,

FR. TERENCE ABRANCHES, CSC
National Director

TRY PRAYER!

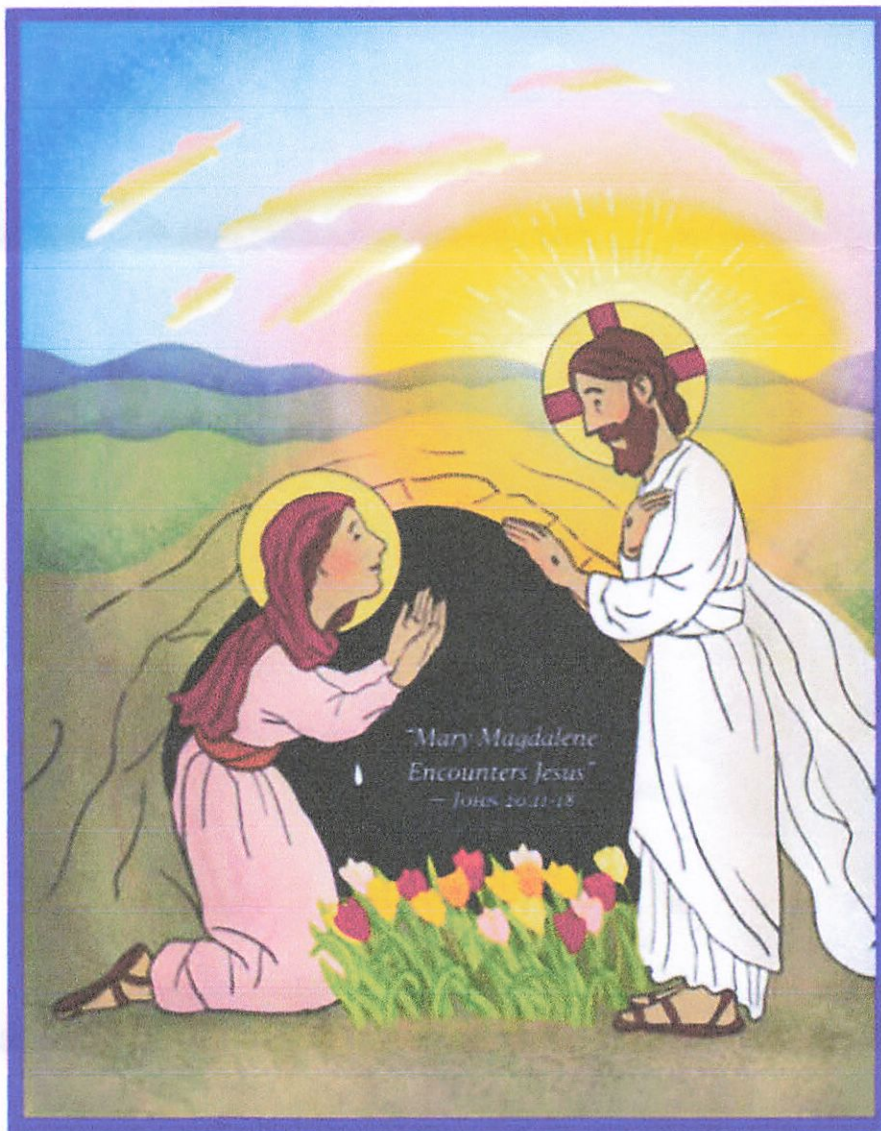
It Works!

Contest 2026

This year's theme, **"Prayer: Encountering Jesus, the True Hope,"** invites families to discover how prayer is the lifeline that keeps us connected to Jesus, the source of all hope. Hope rooted in faith—instead of the world—means trusting Jesus through the challenges of life. Jesus can help us stay strong and happy, even when things are tough. When we pray, we invite Jesus to help us!

Mary Magdalene's hope was renewed when she encountered Jesus at the tomb on that first Easter morning (John 20:11-18); we too can experience this same joy when we meet Jesus in prayer. Encountering Jesus through prayer, we rise with hope for today and tomorrow, spreading His love to the world, and allowing Him to grow hope in our homes and hearts.

The process is simple: **Create an illustration or write a poem or prose sharing how your family has been transformed by prayer!** The most inspiring and creative entries will be featured on our website and social media platforms!



*May your mercy, LORD, be upon us; as we
put our hope in you. (Psalm 33:20)*



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TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS! Contest 2026

Theme: **"Prayer: Encountering Jesus, the True Hope"**

Contest Period: August 22, 2025 to January 31, 2026

CONTEST RULES:

1. Children / students Grades 4 to 10 in Catholic schools, public schools, religious education program, parish or other organizations, including homeschool are eligible to enter.
2. All works / entries must be original, prepared by the registrant, and not previously presented at any other competition.
3. Each entry must be accompanied by an official entry form. Forms may downloadable from FRC page and may be photocopied for distribution.
4. A final judging panel will be selected by Family Rosary Crusade.

CONTEST GUIDELINES:

1. **PROSE** – Submit an essay of 50 to 250 words on 8.5-by-11 inch paper. Entries may be in English or Filipino (Tagalog). Send to (e-mail): tp2020prose@gmail.com
2. **POETRY** – On 8.5-by-11 inch paper, submit a poem of a minimum of ten (10) lines. Poetry may rhyme or be written in free verse. Entries may be in English or Filipino (Tagalog). Send to (e-mail): tp2020poetry@gmail.com
3. **ARTWORK** – (painting, drawing, scrapbooking, or collage). Any of these mediums can be submitted on a 8.5-by-11 inch paper. Submit a brief description of the work. Send original artwork by mail or courier to: FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE, 141 B. Gonzales St., Varsity Hills, Loyola Heights, Katipunan, Quezon City.
4. **DIGITAL ART** – Original Artwork. Size should be no longer than 8.5-by-11 inches. Student to provide videos of his/her work in progress from conceptualization to the final artwork. The video should also include the student explaining his/her work. Send to (e-mail): frcphil@yahoo.com
5. Formal consent must be signed by the parent or guardian of every student involved is required to submit.

PRIZES: WINNING ENTRY: P5,000.00 per Grade Level, MEDAL and CERTIFICATE

SPONSORING SCHOOL/PARISH: P5,000.00 per Winning Entry & Plaque of Appreciation

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

PROSE: Relevance to the Theme: 30%
Organization & Format: 40%
Language & Style: 30%

POETRY: Relevance to the Theme: 30%
Creativity & Originality: 30%
Coherence of Form & Structure
(harmony of words presentation): 20%
Clarity of Imagery & Language: 20%

ARTWORK: Relevance to the Theme: 30%
Originality: 25%
Creativity: 20%
Color Harmony: 15%
Visual Impact: 10%

DIGITAL ART: Content (overall message): 30%
Composition (cohesiveness of
the different elements of art): 30%
Originality (uniqueness of vision
and application) : 20%
Technique (mastery of
Technique used): 20%

DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION: JANUARY 31, 2026

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