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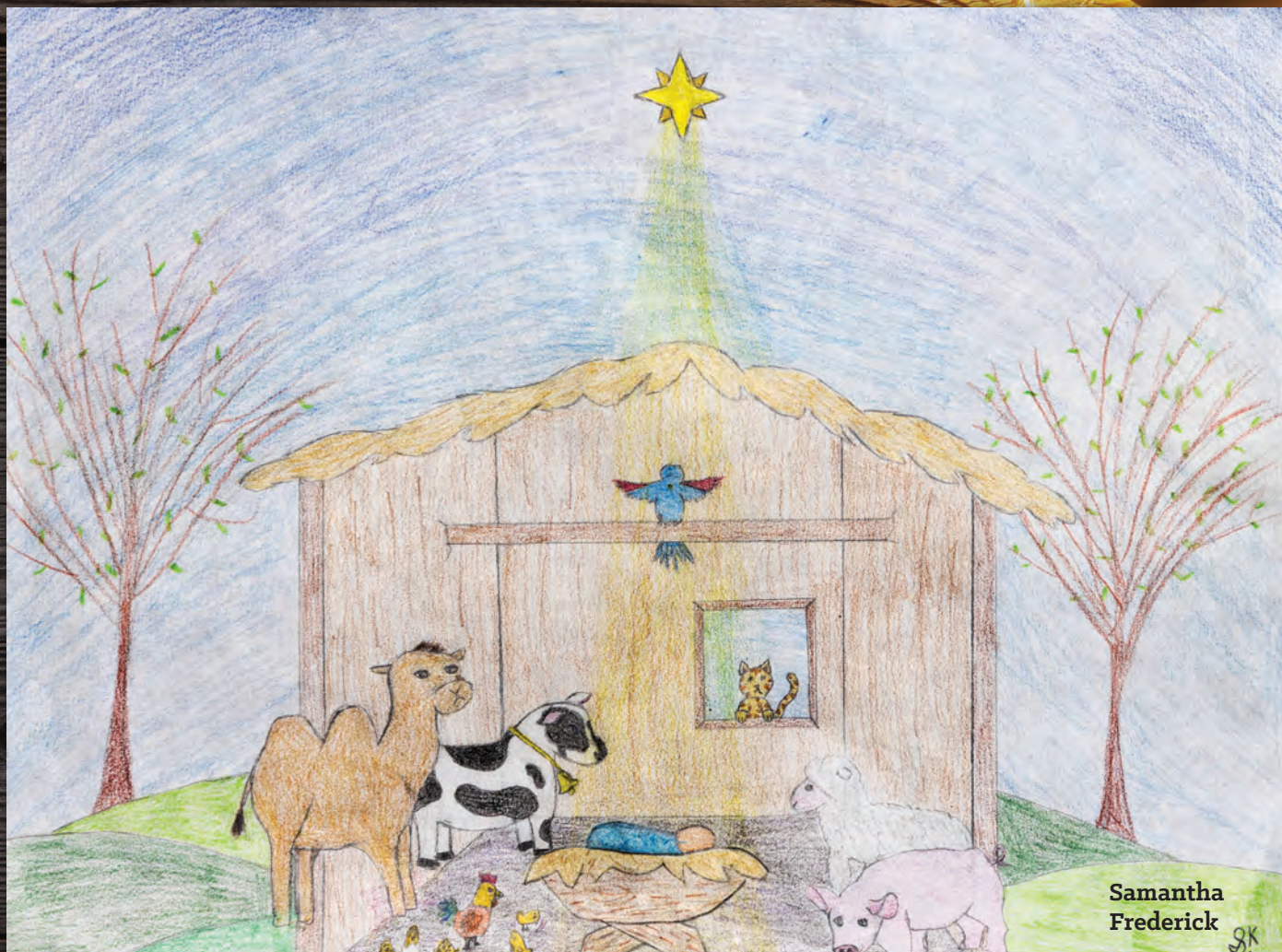
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# 2022 ANNUAL BISHOPS' CONTEST





# CHRISTMAS CARD ART WINNERS



BY  
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**T**his past spring, Bishop David P. Talley and Bishop Emeritus J. Terry Steib surprised two students, Huong Nguyen at St. Ann Catholic School in Bartlett and Samantha Frederick at St. Louis Catholic School in Memphis, when they visited their respective schools to inform them that they had been chosen winners of the Annual Bishops' Christmas Card Art Contest. Both students submitted their artwork in February for this year's contest, which is organized by the Office of the Bishop, and were chosen as winners by both bishops.

The art contest, now in its second year, challenges students at all Catholic schools in the Diocese to submit their best artwork depicting a Nativity scene to be considered for the cover of the bishops' joint Christmas card, which is mailed to over 1,000 people all over the world. Each participating Catholic school holds its own art contest and submits its top five entries to the Diocese to be considered for the contest.

This year the Chancery staff narrowed down 60 submissions to the Top 10 for the bishops to consider. The entries were so impressive, that it was impossible for Bishop Talley and Bishop Emeritus Steib to choose just one. Two drawings, which depict the Nativity and the magic of Christmas in different, yet equally dynamic ways, were selected.

Nguyen, now an eighth-grade student, submitted a picture highlighting the Holy Family together after Jesus' birth with golden light surrounding them. Frederick, a seventh-grade student, submitted a picture showcasing

animals that witnessed the birth of Christ, including a domesticated cat peeking in through the window of the stable where Jesus was born.

Both scenes have been printed on the joint Christmas card, which both bishops signed, and have been mailed around the world.

The girls were surprised when the bishops came to their schools to deliver the news. "I was so surprised, and never thought I would win," Nguyen said.

They pondered the importance of Christ's birth, which helped them be creative in their depictions.

"The Nativity is about Jesus being born; we see Him as a child," Frederick said. "We know how special He was as an adult, but the Nativity shows how special He was as a child."

Next year's call for entries is coming up soon. Be on the lookout for information about the 2023 Annual Bishops' Christmas Card Art Contest, which will be sent out to Catholic schools in January. †

## 2022 CHRISTMAS CARD WINNERS



### SAMANTHA FREDERICK

**School:** St. Louis Catholic School

**Grade:** Seventh Grade

**Siblings:** Brother, Jake, third grade

**Favorite Subject(s):** Math and Spanish

**Favorite Food:** Taco Al Carbon from La Perla Tapatia

**Pets:** Cat - Pop Tart, Dog - Huck, Lizard - Rex

**Favorite Extra-Circular Activities:** Violin, Volleyball and Track

**What Do You Do in Your Free Time?**  
Watch TV and draw

**Favorite Movie or TV Show:** "Fuller House" (TV) and "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (Movie)

### Why did you choose to draw this particular Nativity Scene?

"I wanted to draw something a little different than the traditional Nativity scene. My cat, Pop Tart, walked into the room as I was drawing, and I thought the drawing needed a little something extra."



### HUONG NGUYEN

**School:** St. Ann Catholic School

**Grade:** Eighth Grade

**Siblings:** None

**Favorite Subject:** Social Studies

**Favorite Food:** Spaghetti and Meatballs

**Favorite Extra-Circular Activities:** Volleyball and Lacrosse

**What Do You Do in Your Free Time?** Hang out with friends and practice volleyball

### Why did you choose to draw this particular Nativity Scene?

"When I think of the Nativity, I think of the Holy Family. I wanted to focus on the family, and highlight Mary and Joseph's relationship with Jesus. To me, family is very important, and I wanted to show Jesus' family together with light around them to make them stand out in the picture."



Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock.

The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

(Lk 2:8-14)



**Alex Villem**



**Lilliana Vescovo**



**Ryan Neely**





Lindsey Crossnine



Grace Regan



Aiden Bolling



Luis Paredes



Lily Patel