



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

JANUARY 13, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0020, s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS!" CONTEST 2026

1. The Family Rosary Crusade (FRC), in partnership with Holy Cross Family Ministries, invites Grades 4 to 10 learners to join the "Try Prayer! It Works!" Contest 2026.

2. This annual contest aims to promote the culture of prayer and provide an avenue for learners to express their faith through creative works.

3. Contest Highlights:

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

Categories: Art, Prose, Poetry, Digital Art

Deadline for Submission: January 31, 2026

Prizes: Cash, medal, certificate, and plaque for winners and their schools. Winning entries will represent the Philippines in an international competition.

4. Key Considerations Based on DepEd Policies:

- **No Disruption of Classes:** Activities must not interfere with regular classes (DO 34, s. 2022; DO 022, s. 2024).
- **Voluntary Participation:** Joining is strictly voluntary and without academic penalty.
- **Personal Expenses:** Any costs (e.g., materials) shall be borne by participants and not charged to school funds or collected from students (DO 19, s. 2008; DO 65, s. 2010; DM 41, s. 2024).

5. Attached are the invitation letter, contest poster, and related guidelines for your reference and appropriate action.

6. For inquiries, schools may contact Mr. Criz dela Cruz, School and Youth Coordinator, at 0998-9893138, 02-8354-1374, or via email at frcphil@yahoo.com.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.


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Regional Director

Encl.: None.

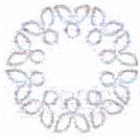
Reference: None.

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HOLY CROSS
FAMILY MINISTRIES

December 29, 2025

DR. MARIA INES C. ASUNCION
Regional Director
DepEd Region XIII - CARAGA
Butuan City

Dear Dr. Asuncion,

Pax Christi!

Since 1977, **Family Rosary Crusade (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 and youth 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 invite your school students from DepEd Region XIII CARAGA schools (from grade 4 to 10) to join our **Try Prayer! It Works! Contest 2026** by deepening their faith creatively and be recognized by an international organization for their exceptional talent. This year's contest theme is **"Prayer: Encountering Jesus, the True Hope."** Submission of entries is until **JANUARY 31, 2026 (Deadline)**. 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 / 02-8354-1374** (office) or Facebook account: **FRCPhilippines** or e-mail: **frcphil@yahoo.com**.

Thank you very much and may God bless you and your endeavor.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Terence Abranches
FR. TERENCE ABRANCHES, CSC
National Director

The family that prays together stays together.

TRY PRAYER!

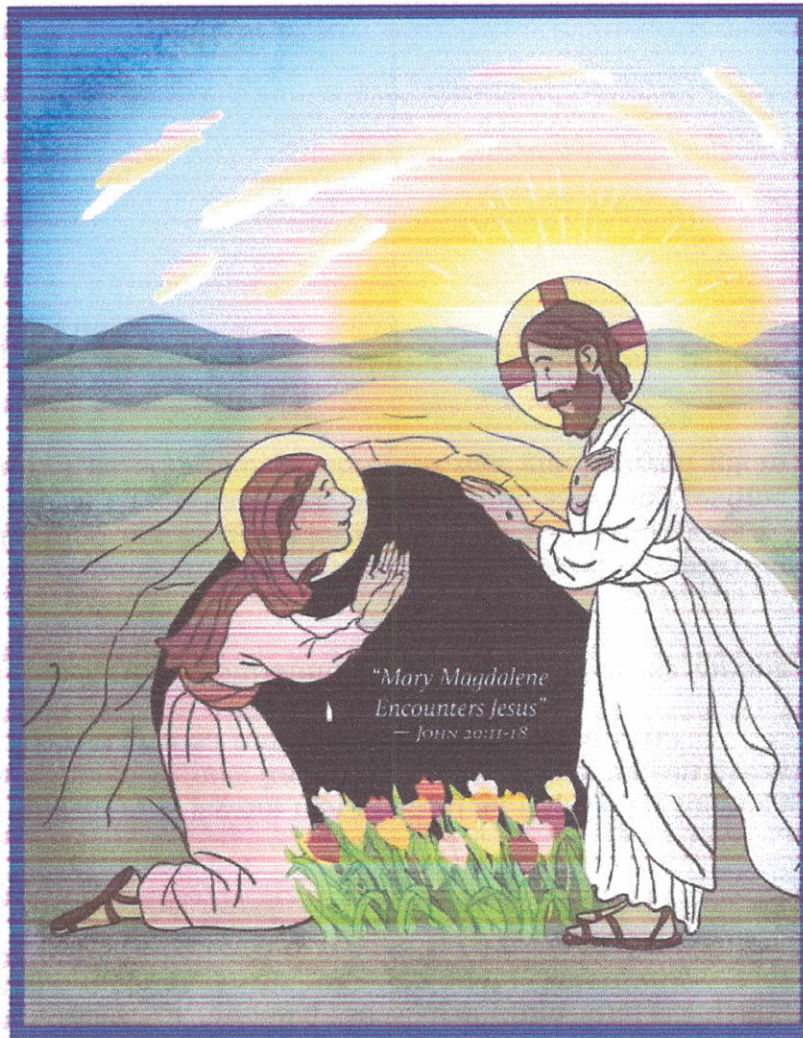
It Works!

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 an essay or send a digital art** sharing how your family has been transformed by prayer!



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

For Inquiries: Call 8354-1378/Email: frcphil@yahoo.com
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The Family That Prays Together Stays Together
Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC



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"The family that prays together stays together."

— Pope John Paul II

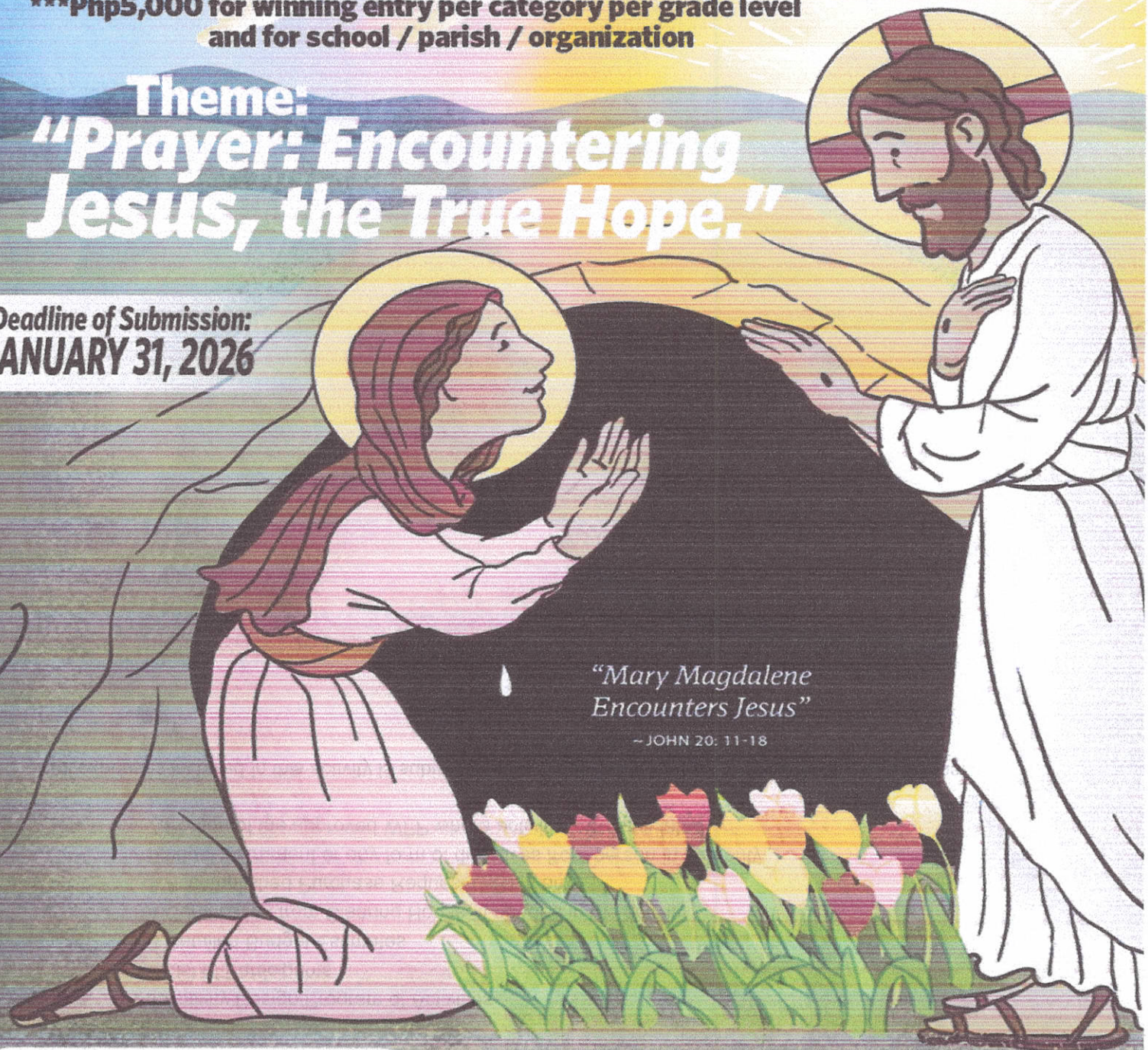
Join! **TRY PRAYER! It Works!** **CONTEST 2026** **for Grade 4 to 10 students**

Categories: PROSE, POETRY, ART and DIGITAL ART

*****Php5,000 for winning entry per category per grade level
and for school / parish / organization**

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

Deadline of Submission:
JANUARY 31, 2026



*"Mary Magdalene
Encounters Jesus"*

— JOHN 20: 11-18

     **@FRCPhilippines**

email: frcphil@yahoo.com
or direct message at Messenger

contact: 8354-1378
0956-7340211 / 0998-9893138

CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES



RULES

1. Children from Grades 4 to 10 enrolled in a public or private school, religious education program, or parish organization are eligible to enter.
2. All works must be original, prepared by the applicant, and not previously presented at any other competition.
3. Each entry must be accompanied by an official entry form. Copies of the entry form are permitted.
4. A final judging panel will be selected by Family Rosary Crusade.

All prizes need not be awarded.

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) - 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 Impact) - 30%
Composition (Cohesiveness) - 30%
Originality (Uniqueness) - 20%
Technique (Mastery of Technique used) - 20%

GUIDELINES

1. **PROSE** - Submit an essay of **50 to 250 words** on a short bond paper. Entries may be in English or Tagalog. Send to: **tp2020prose@gmail.com**

2. **POETRY** - Submit a minimum of 10 lines and a maximum of 30 lines on a short bond paper. Poetry may rhyme or written in free verse. Send to: **tp2020poetry@gmail.com**

3. **ARTWORK** - Submit on a short bond paper using any medium (painting, drawing, scrap booking or collage) with a **brief description**. **Send the original artwork by mail or courier to Family Rosary Crusade.**

4. **DIGITAL ART** - Size should be no larger than 8.5 x 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: frcphil@yahoo.com**

PRIZES:

Winning Entry: **P5,000.00/level, Medal and Certificate**

Sponsoring School/Parish: **P5,000.00/winning entry, Plaque of Appreciation**

**ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE:
JANUARY 31, 2026**

Scan the QR Code or copy the link to download the Registration Form:

<https://tinyurl.com/FRCTryPrayerItWorksContest2026>

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FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE
The Family That Prays Together
Stays Together

2026 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS! CONTEST

This year's theme, "**Prayer: Encountering Jesus, the True Hope**" will help you and your family answer God's call to holiness by inviting Jesus and Mary into everything you do. Through family prayer, especially the Rosary, Mary will share her love for Jesus with your family and help you become a channel of His love and light in the world. Everyday life might seem ordinary, but God has an extraordinary mission for your family!

Full Name of Entrant _____ Age _____
Name of Parent/Guardian _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____
Telephone _____ Email _____
Diocese _____
School _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____
School Telephone (Include Area Code) _____
School Email _____ Teacher Email _____

Fill in only the appropriate category:

School/Teacher _____ Grade _____ Principal _____
As the (circle one) Principal or Teacher of the entrant, I have reviewed the entry and confirm that it is his/her work.
Signature of Reviewer _____ Date _____

CONSENT

This is my work. You have the permission of myself and my parent/guardian to enter it in the Try Prayer! It Works! Contest and to reprint or use it in promotional projects. I realize that it becomes the property of Family Rosary USA and cannot be returned.

Signature of Entrant _____ Date _____

By submitting this entry to the Try Prayer! It Works! Contest, I agree that this entry becomes the sole property of Family Rosary USA. I consent and give permission to Family Rosary USA to publish, copy, reprint, or otherwise reproduce this material for use consistent with the Family Rosary USA mission, and hereby waive and release any and all claims involving the use of this entry.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

I would like to receive your regular mailings about Family Rosary USA and Holy Cross Family Ministries. Yes/No (☐)

Email of Parent/Guardian _____

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY

January 31, 2026

Please return completed forms to:

FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE
141 BGonzales, Varsity Hills
Loyola Heights, Quezon City



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