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131 Nativity Students Participate in "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

Students from Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, Williamsville, participated in the Annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster coloring contest sponsored by John Cardinal O'Hara Council No. 13661 Knights of Columbus, Clarence.

Shown in the attached photograph following presentation of Certificates of Achievement to the 1st place winners in each class are (front row) I-r Riley Morris, Lancaster 1st grade, Annie Erbacher, Clarence Center 3rd Grade, Ariana Afshani, Williamsville 4th Grade, Loretta Cucinotta, Williamsville 2nd Grade and Natalie Myszka, Williamsville Kindergarten. Back row I-r Megan Kelly, Clarence 8th Grade, Joseph Bergman, Akron 7th Grade, Anthony Russo, Clarence, Grand Knight of Cardinal O'Hara Council, Iliana Lukasik, Lancaster 6th Grade and Sara Jiva, Williamsville 5th Grade.

Second and Third Place winners in each grade at Nativity of the BVM were: Kindergarten: Alexander Maouad, Williamsville and Aiden Bauer, Alden; 1st grade: Riley Faso, Lancaster and Ian Jaskolka, Lancaster; 2nd grade: Therese Hahn, Clarence and Sarah Kolber, Clarence; 3rd grade: Ashton Walter, Williamsville, and Lauren Bergman, Akron; 4th grade, Brian Wulf, Akron and Thomas Hahn, Clarence; 5th grade: Erica Martinsen, Williamsville and Ryan Walter, Williamsville; 6th grade: Rachel Levea, Lancaster and Isabelle Kertzie, Williamsville; 7th grade: Benjamin Hartman, Lancaster and Tyler Will, Clarence; and 8th grade: Emily Schifferle and Joshua Wilde, both of Clarence

Serving as judges for the contest were: Rory and Jennifer Reichenberg of Akron, Steven and Mary Lou Flumerfeldt of Corfu and James and Cindy Hayes Sr. of Akron. The poster contest is an annual project sponsored by John Cardinal O'Hara Council Knights of Columbus. Council Youth Director, Thomas Bergman and his wife Amy, of Akron, coordinated this years contest.

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members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families, and young people. In 2009, the Knights of Columbus at all levels of the organization raised and distributed \$151 million for charity and rendered 69 million hours of volunteer service. Cumulative figures for the past decade showed \$1.367 billion raised for charity and 640 million hours of volunteer services in support of charitable initiatives. (Knights of Columbus Photograph)