



2026 Doodle For Charities

Lent: Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving

Catholic Charities of Orange County is pleased to announce this year's theme for our Doodle for Charities art competition

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How it Works:

- Using the symbolic chapel & cross imagery featured in the Catholic Charities logo and the word "Charities," use your imagination to express the elements of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving.
- Diocesan Catholic School students may use any art materials of their choice: pastels, colored pencils, watercolor, sharpie pens, digital art, you name it!
- All doodles need to be submitted with the Official Entry Form.
- The contest is open for entries starting **Friday, March 13th**. The deadline to submit will be **Friday, April 24th at 11:59 pm** (PDT). Entries will be judged in two categories: Middle School 5th grade - 8th grade, and High School 9th grade - 12th grade.

Steps to Enter:

(Scan the QR to access the Doodle for Charities Event Page)

1. Download the Official Entry Form from the Doodle For Charities Event Page.



2. Create Your Doodle:

- Refer to the official entry form for the CCOC logo imagery
- Feel free to use any art supplies of your choice (such as colored pencils, watercolors, digital art, or any other materials that spark your imagination)

3. Fill out the Official Entry Form:

Fill out the required information and have a parent or legal guardian sign the form

Artist's Statement Questions (see 2nd page of Entry Form):

- Tell us about what you have drawn
- How it represents the elements of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving
- What Lent means to you

4. Submit:

To be accepted, art must be submitted as a picture file (.png or .jpg)

- **Please name your file: FirstName_LastName (Ex: John_Smith.png)**

You may use one of the following methods to submit your entry:

- Take a picture of the artwork or scan it for better resolution
- If digital, save the art file as an attachment

Email the Official Entry Form and your artwork as an attachment (.jpg or .png file) to communications@ccoc.org

After submitting your entry online, please **drop off your original artwork to your school Principal's Office**, and we will make the arrangements to collect the physical copy from the school at a later time.



Judging Criteria:

Doodles will be judged using the following parameters:

1. Artistic Skill & Uniqueness

2. Creativity

3. Theme

a. How well the theme “Lent: Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving” is expressed in both the artwork and the written statement

A panel of Catholic Charities of Orange County executives will choose three finalists

Prizes & Perks:

Prizes will be awarded for the two groups: Middle School 5th grade – 8th grade, and High School 9th grade – 12th grade.

1st place:

- \$500 Cash

2nd place:

- \$300 Cash

3rd place:

- \$150 Cash

All entries will be:

- Added to the official Marketing & Communications portfolio of Catholic Charities of Orange County
- Featured in the Agency’s media outlets and corporate branding materials as assigned by Catholic Charities of Orange County

Doodles that are not original works or contain logos or copyrighted imagery will be disqualified

One doodle entry per student -

Any additional Doodles will be disqualified

