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Dear Friend,

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc. is pleased to announce the 7th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Art and Essay Contests for students of the schools of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Enclosed, you'll find the materials your students need to participate in the 2017 Contests. Students in elementary schools are invited to participate in the art contest while high school students may participate in the essay contest – both on the life of Saint Patrick.

Through the contests, the Parade Committee and it's member-organizations encourage students of the Archdiocese to learn about the life of Saint Patrick and the unparalleled contributions of the Irish to our state and our Church.

The theme for the 2017 contests is "Camaraderie" – a fitting subject, since the 2017 Grand Marshal and 2017 Deputy Grand Marshal are Irish-Americans who represent Catholic high schools known for the fraternity and sisterhood they promote:

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As Parade Day draws closer, your school will also receive an invitation to participate in our Parade Day activities: Mass at *St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral*, an Irish History Breakfast at the *Newark Public Library*, and the Parade itself.

We hope to see you on Friday, March 17th at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade!

Very truly yours,

Michael D. Byrne
General Chairman

Karen Lonergan
Student Contests Chairwoman

Grand Marshal
Rev. Edwin D. Leahy, O.S.B.
Headmaster, St. Benedict's Prep

Deputy Grand Marshal
Elizabeth "Betty" Sheehan Teevan
Alumna, Saint Vincent Academy

Dedicated to
Robert H. and †Marguerite Quinn Largey

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SAINT PATRICK'S DAY ART CONTEST

Teacher / Administrator Overview

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has "Kept the Tradition Alive" in Newark for 82 years. To help ensure that students learn about the significant contributions that the Irish have made to the Church and to community life in New Jersey, the *St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc.* has established an art contest for Grades K through 8 in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Participating schools may submit the work of up to three (3) finalists from the following categories:

Kindergarten through Grade 2 – one (1) finalist;
Grade 3 through Grade 5 – one (1) finalist; and
Grade 6 through Grade 8 – one (1) finalist.

Each school's finalists will have the opportunity to lead their school's contingent in the 2017 Newark Parade. They will also be recognized at the Ceremonial Reviewing Stand where they will be presented with certificates and their works will be featured on the Parade website.

Then, three (3) Archdiocesan winners will be chosen by the Parade Committee and their works will be featured in the Parade Committee's Annual Souvenir Journal and may be published on promotional materials for the Parade. Winners will be awarded cash prizes of \$250 for their school's art program.

Grand Marshal Rev. Edwin D. Leahy, O.S.B. and Deputy Grand Marshal Elizabeth "Betty" Sheehan Teevan, will present the three Archdiocesan winners of the contest with the awards for their schools at the Reviewing Stand Ceremonies on Parade Day: Friday afternoon, March 17, 2017.

The Committee requests that one teacher or administrator from each school be responsible for submitting the work of each school's finalists by Friday, March 10, 2017 to NewarkParade@gmail.com. **Artwork should be submitted in .pdf format.** The file name of each entry should list the name of the student, the name of his school, and the school phone number, as in the example below:

McGuire, Kathleen T. – St. Patrick's Academy – (082) 317-2017

Those unable to email the artwork, should mail it to Karen Lonergan / Student Contests Chairwoman / 27 Manor Road / Verona, NJ 07044. Write lightly – in pencil – on the back of each entry the student's name, the name of his school, and the school's phone number.

Kindly direct questions concerning the art contest to Karen Lonergan at (973) 517-2323 or NewarkParade@gmail.com.

The art contest prompt follows.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY ART CONTEST
Grades K through 8 – Prompt

The Irish people honor St. Patrick, the Glorious Apostle of Ireland, as their patron Saint, for it was Patrick who left his homeland and came to Ireland to liberate the Irish from druid kings and the darkness of life devoid of the light of Christ.

St. Patrick's ministry in Ireland lasted nearly thirty years: preaching the Gospel and teaching the great body of knowledge that had developed for centuries on the mainland of Europe.

Yet, before all of this, Patrick was first brought to Ireland in his youth as a slave. He later wrote of his loneliness and dependence on God for strength during his imprisonment. But, God had a plan for him, allowed Patrick the gift of God's comforting presence, and helped him conquer his despair and achieve his calling to win so many for Christ.

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These honorees provide an opportunity to reflect on the importance of Camaraderie – in school, in work, in family life, in the spiritual life, and – perhaps – in other facets of life, too.

Objective—

The objective is to design a 2-dimensional piece exemplifying the theme, "Camaraderie."

Artwork may be created in any medium (marker, paint, colored pencil, etc.), provided the design will transfer well to a digital format. Your artwork should be no larger than 7.5 inches wide and 9 inches high.

Please include your name, school name, and school phone number with your entry, *but not on the face of the entry itself*, (ex: McGuire, Kathleen T. – St. Patrick's Academy – (082) 317-2017).

Entries will be judged on the bases of originality, adherence to guidelines, and transferability to parade promotional materials, as needed.