GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS:

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, and Quincy University will host a juried exhibition of sacred art depicting the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy as part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy as proclaimed by Pope Francis.

The corporal works of mercy are:
To feed the hungry; To give drink to the thirsty; To clothe the naked; To shelter the homeless; To visit the sick; To ransom the captives; To bury the dead.

The spiritual works of mercy are:
To instruct the ignorant; To counsel the doubtful; To admonish sinners; To bear wrongs patiently; To forgive all injuries; To comfort the sorrowful; To pray for the living and the dead.

The format for this exhibition is 8.5”x11” with a special “Mercy” border. A digital PDF template is available at www.dio.org/mercy/art. This template can be printed out by most digital printers on any paper but we suggest using a paper stock designed for the medium the student will be using. Please do not use photocopy or standard printer paper. Teachers may contact us with a requested quantity and we will send formatted paper to them for students to use. Please email Jeff Boshart at jgboshart@eiu.edu with these requests.

ENTRIES, FEE, AND OTHER INFORMATION

Individual Artists

Each student artist may submit up to two entries for consideration, one full image and one detail of each entry will be accepted.

A $5 non-refundable entry fee for each entry (maximum of two artworks) is required per student artist to cover the cost of matting the artworks chosen for display. Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois with Mercy Exhibition Jr. Division written on the memo line. The completed application form and CD must be POSTMARKED before midnight, October 22, 2016.

Please submit high quality jpeg images on a CD disk or thumb drive along with the paper application form. Images of up to two works may be submitted. Only one detail image per work may be included. All digital files should be no larger than 300 dpi at approximately 4 by 6 inches and must be titled with the artist’s name and the number corresponding to the number of the submission on the entry form. Disks/thumb drives will not be returned.

All submissions will be reviewed digitally by a jury with strong backgrounds in art education, the visual arts and/or theology. Only those works accepted by the jurors or submitted by teachers will be displayed in the exhibition November 14th thru December 14th, 2016. All entrants will be notified of the results by November 1, 2016.

Accepted artworks need to be either hand delivered or mailed to:
Red Shoes Art Studio
c/o Newman Catholic Center
500 Roosevelt Ave
Charleston, IL 61920
by November 7, 2016 so they can be matted and judged for awards. Please protect each image with slipcovers or wrappings so that they do not get damaged or smudged in transit.

Schools

We have set a maximum of 6 submissions for combined 7th & 8th grades and no more than 12 entries for combined 9th-12th grades per participating school and not more than one entry per student artist. In regard to how the works are selected, the teacher/sponsor makes the selections and we trust that the quality of the idea and the execution of the artwork are prime selection criteria, but the process and evaluations are the teachers’ to make.

Since these works have already been juried, all will be included in the gallery show, with award winners being selected once the artwork is received by the exhibition coordinators and reviewed by a panel of judges. The deadline for these group submissions is November 7, 2016.
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AWARDS

Once the accepted artworks are received, a separate panel of judges will select and distribute awards based on viewing the actual artworks. The panel will consist of two or three individuals recognized for their experience as Fine Art judges. Award winners will be notified, in advance, as soon as the results are available. The awards will be presented at the opening reception on Saturday afternoon, November 19, 2016.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

The exhibition host gallery may provide limited liability while the artworks are on display but that does not include the artwork transported to or from the gallery. Insurance will not be provided on work accepted for the exhibition. Every precaution will be taken but the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will not be responsible for loss or damage to entries no matter how they are caused. All entries are submitted subject to this condition. We will do everything to care for the handling of works of art, however it is suggested that artists insure work privately if they feel the need for such protection.

ACCEPTED MEDIA

All entered artworks must conform to the format dimensions and not be greater than 1/8 inch in thickness.

Oil/Acrylic/Mixed Media/Collage. Oil paintings must be dry.
Watercolor/Gouache/Casein/Tempera. Surfaces must be dry.
Drawing/Pastel. Entries in this category must have fixative applied to finished artwork to prevent smearing and color dust contamination.
Prints. Inks must be dry.
Photography. Prints only, including digital, color or black and white. Traditional imaging.
Graphic Design/Computer/Digital. Anything that uses a computer in the generation of the artwork and isn’t traditional imaging.

ART RETURN

At the conclusion of the exhibition, artwork may be picked up at the Gray Gallery at Quincy University on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (December 15-17) during regular gallery hours. After that, the remaining artworks will be available for pick up at the Eastern Illinois University Newman Center on Monday through Wednesday, November 19-21 during regular office hours. If other arrangements need to be made (in advance) please contact Jeff Boshart at jgboshart@gmail.com.

SALES

The names and address of persons interested in purchasing works will be forwarded to the artists. All accepted entries must remain on exhibit through the end of the Mercy exhibition.

PUBLICITY

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois reserves the right to photograph all exhibited works for educational, catalogue, internet, or publicity purposes.

OPENING RECEPTION

An opening reception will be held on Saturday afternoon, November 19, 2016 from 2:00 to 4:30pm in the Gray Gallery at Quincy University. Awards will be presented during this event at approximately 2:30pm.

CALENDAR

October 22: Individual Postmark entry deadline
November 1: Notification of individual acceptance
November 7: Deadline for receipt of all artworks
Red Shoes Art Studio
c/o Newman Catholic Center
500 Roosevelt Ave
Charleston, IL 61920
November 14: Exhibition Opens,
November 19: Reception 2:00–4:30, Awards 2:30
December 14: Exhibition Closes
December 15-17: Artwork pick up at the Gray Gallery, Quincy University, during regular gallery hours, Thursday through Saturday
December 19-21: Artwork pick up at Newman Catholic Center Charleston during regular office hours, Monday through Wednesday

CONTACT INFORMATION

If further information is necessary, feel free to contact the volunteer exhibition coordinator:

Jeff Boshart
jgboshart@gmail.com
(217) 549-2781 (c)

Emails are preferred and are checked daily with responses sent as quickly as possible. Please be patient.

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