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National Director

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Mrs. Margaret Tys St. Blase Polish Catholic School 6101 S. 75th Avenue Summit, IL 60501

Dear Mrs. Tys,

Prayerful greetings – and congratulations! Bafia Klaudia a student from your school was selected from among thousands of entries as a winner in the 2013-2014 Christmas Artwork Contest of the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA).

All winning artwork will be featured on our children's website (www.MCAKids.org) for use as "E-greetings." In addition, each year the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. displays all 24 winners in an exhibition that runs throughout the 2014 Advent / Christmas Season. On Friday, December 5 Mass will be celebrated for winners and their families at the Shrine; further information will be mailed to students in August regarding this event.

All winners receive a plaque honoring their achievements; a press release announcing the winners of this contest will be issued by our National Office in November 2014.

Thank you for your help in promoting this contest – and for your year-round efforts to remind young people, through the programs and materials of the Missionary Childhood Association, of their responsibility for the mission church and their link with their mission family half a world away. Please pray for the Missions and missionaries, and know that I will pray for you and your parish / school.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Very Reverend Andrew Small, OMI, STD

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