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**Department of Education**  
REGION III  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN

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**DIVISION ADVISORY**  
**No. 002, s. 2026**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

This Office informs all concerned that **FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE (FRC)**, will conduct the Annual Creative Contest "Try Prayer! It Works! Contest 2026".

Attached herewith is a copy of the Family Rosary Crusade letter, which contains the full details of the activity, including mechanics and contact information for inquiries.

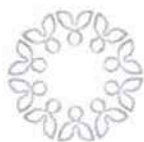
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Assistant Schools Division Superintendent

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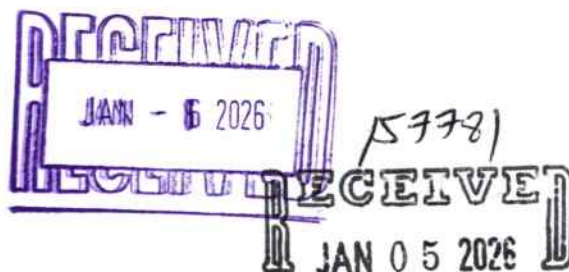
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FAMILY MINISTRIES



December 29, 2025

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Schools Division Superintendent,

*Pax Christi!*

Since 1977, **Family Rosary Crusade (FRC)** has been in the Philippines supporting the mission of our founder Fr. Patrick Peyton, to promote family prayer, especially the rosary. We are internationally affiliated with Holy Cross Family Ministries in Boston, Massachusetts, USA which oversees the mission legacy of Fr. Peyton.

Beginning 1999 and every year thereafter, FRC has been holding an annual creative contest called **TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS!** The contest aims to promote the culture of prayer and create an avenue for children and youth to showcase their talent and their understanding of Catholic teachings. The contest has four (4) categories: **Art, Prose, Poetry and Digital Art** and is open to students from **Grade 4 to Grade 10**. Cash prize of P5,000, medal, certificate and plaque await both the winning student per grade level and the school where she/he is enrolled. The winning entries automatically qualify to the international level as official entries from the Philippines and will compete against 18 countries worldwide.

We wish to invite your school students under your care in your division schools (from grade 4 to 10) to join our **Try Prayer! It Works! Contest 2026** by deepening their faith creatively and be recognized by an international organization for their exceptional talent. This year's contest theme is **"Prayer: Encountering Jesus, the True Hope."** Submission of entries is until **JANUARY 31, 2026** (Deadline). Please see attached rules and guidelines.

Our School and Youth Coordinator in the person of Mr. Criz dela Cruz will be available for inquiries about of our contest through his mobile number **0998-9893138 / 02-8354-1374** (office) or Facebook account: **FRCPhilippines** or e-mail: **frcphil@yahoo.com**.

Thank you very much and may God bless you and your endeavor.

In Jesus and Mary,

*Terence Abranches*  
**FR. TERENCE ABRANCHES, CSC**  
**National Director**

*The family that prays together stays together.* — FATHER PATRICK PEYTON, S.S.C., FOUNDER, 1909-1992

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# 2026 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS! CONTEST

This year's theme, "**Prayer: Encountering Jesus, the True Hope**" will help you and your family answer God's call to holiness by inviting Jesus and Mary into everything you do. Through family prayer, especially the Rosary, Mary will share her love for Jesus with your family and help you become a channel of His love and light in the world. Everyday life might seem ordinary, but God has an extraordinary mission for your family!

Full Name of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Diocese \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
School Telephone (Include Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_  
School Email \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Fill in only the appropriate category:

School/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Principal \_\_\_\_\_

As the (circle one) Principal or Teacher of the entrant, I have reviewed the entry and confirm that it is his/her work.

Signature of Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## CONSENT

This is my work. You have the permission of myself and my parent/guardian to enter it in the Try Prayer! It Works! Contest and to reprint or use it in promotional projects. I realize that it becomes the property of Family Rosary USA and cannot be returned.

Signature of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this entry to the Try Prayer! It Works! Contest, I agree that this entry becomes the sole property of Family Rosary USA. I consent and give permission to Family Rosary USA to publish, copy, reprint, or otherwise reproduce this material for use consistent with the Family Rosary USA mission, and hereby waive and release any and all claims involving the use of this entry.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive your regular mailings about Family Rosary USA and Holy Cross Family Ministries. Yes/No ( )

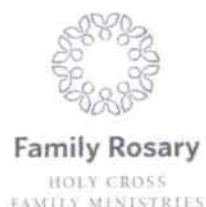
Email of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY

**January 31, 2026**

Please return completed forms to:

**FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE**  
141 BGonzales, Varsity Hills  
Loyola Heights, Quezon City



**TRY PRAYER!**  
*It Works!*

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# TRY PRAYER!

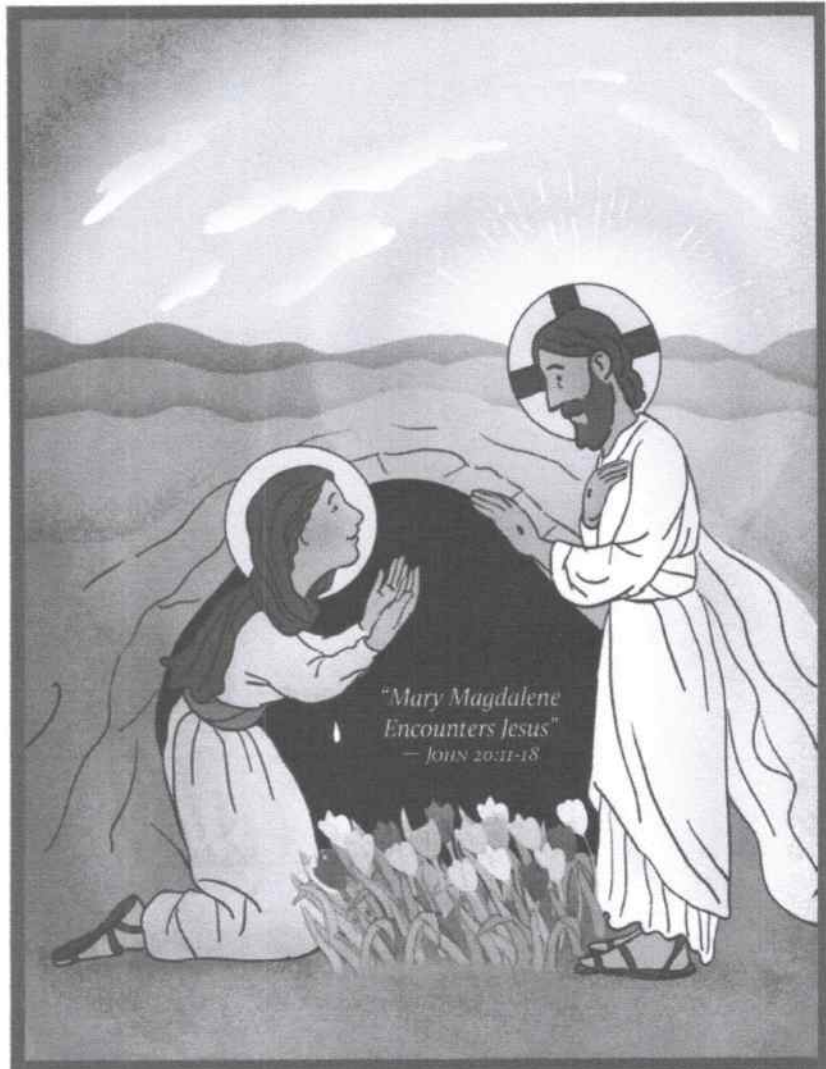
## *It Works!*

## Contest 2026

This year's theme, "**Prayer: Encountering Jesus, the True Hope**," invites families to discover how prayer is the lifeline that keeps us connected to Jesus, the source of all hope. Hope rooted in faith—instead of the world—means trusting Jesus through the challenges of life. Jesus can help us stay strong and happy, even when things are tough. When we pray, we invite Jesus to help us!

Mary Magdalene's hope was renewed when she encountered Jesus at the tomb on that first Easter morning (John 20:11-18); we too can experience this same joy when we meet Jesus in prayer. Encountering Jesus through prayer, we rise with hope for today and tomorrow, spreading His love to the world, and allowing Him to grow hope in our homes and hearts.

The process is simple. **Create an illustration or write a poem or an essay or send a digital art** sharing how your family has been transformed by prayer!



*May your mercy, LORD, be upon us; as we  
put our hope in you. (Psalm 33:20)*

For Inquiries: Call 8354-1378/Email: frcphil@yahoo.com

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The Family That Prays Together Stays Together  
Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC



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"The family that prays together stays together."

— Pope John Paul II

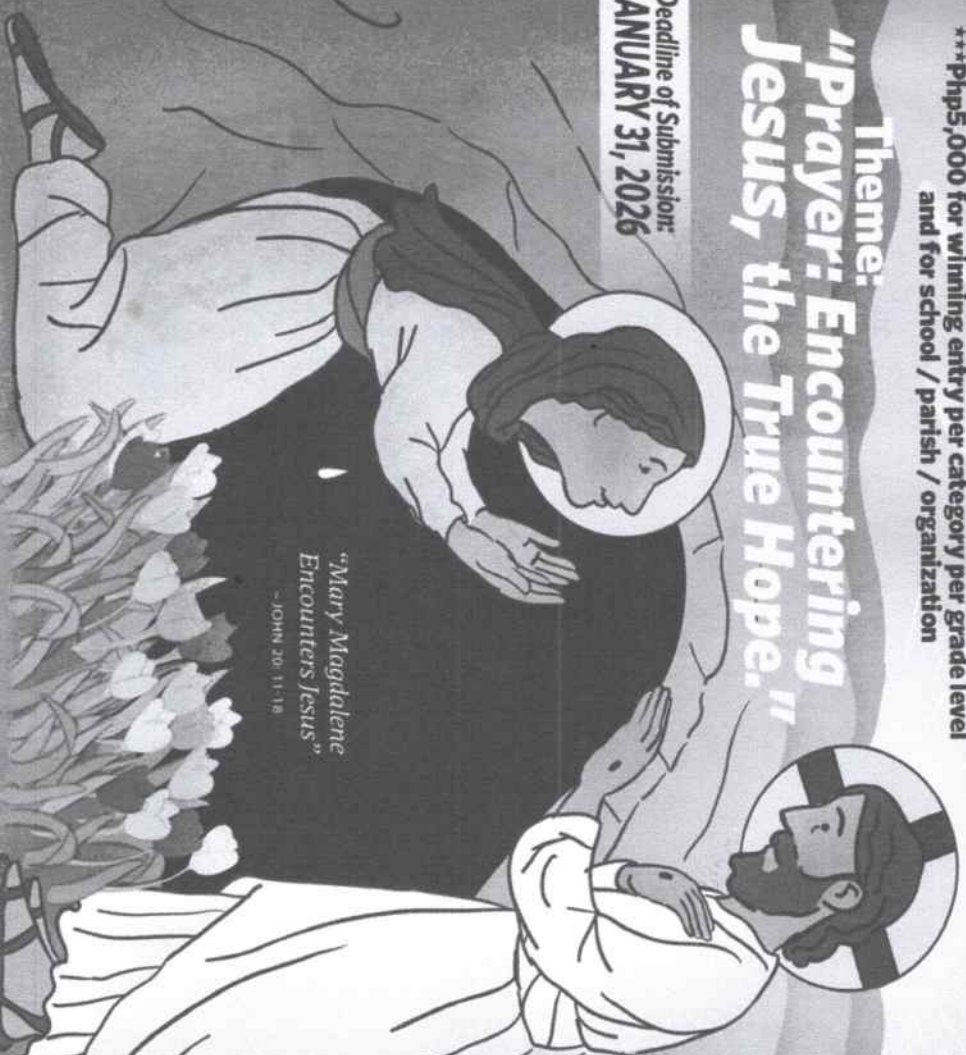
# Join! TRY PRAYER! It Works! CONTEST 2026 for Grade 4 to 10 students

**Categories: PROSE, POETRY, ART and DIGITAL ART**

**\*\*\*Php5,000 for winning entry per category per grade level  
and for school / parish / organization**

**Theme:  
"Prayer: Encountering  
Jesus, the True Hope."**

**Deadline of Submission:  
JANUARY 31, 2026**



"Mary Magdalene  
Encounters Jesus"

- JOHN 20: 11-18

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**email: frcphil@yahoo.com contact: 8354-1378**  
**or direct message at Messenger 0956-7340211 / 0998-9893138**