



# 2013 Christmas Card Contest

by Sarah Trotto

**C**ongratulations to Chelsea Vaal, St. Joseph 1725, on winning the grand prize for the annual Catholic Order of Foresters Christmas card contest. Her artwork will serve as COF's 2013 Christmas card.



"I wanted to depict a scene of the Holy Family because that is one of the most popular Christmas images," Vaal explains. "I also wanted to emphasize the birth of Christ because that is what we are celebrating. It is such a prevalent image. However, I wanted to take a more modern approach."

Vaal, of Edgewood, Ky., studies graphic design at the University of Louisville. She also practices art as a hobby. Her twin sister Kelsey was the 2011 grand prize winner.

"I chose to use bright but peaceful colors to share the joy of Christ's birth, as well as the peace it brings to us," Vaal describes.

"I used colored pencils to achieve a quiet and subdued image."

Judge Angela Graefenhain liked Vaal's approach.

"This composition is very clever in that the artist had to superimpose the words over the subject matter," Graefenhain comments. "Well done. The color in the piece is well chosen also."

Congratulations to all contest winners. ●



## Christmas Card Order Form

To celebrate the season of giving, COF will donate \$1 from each purchase to Catholic Charities Campaign Against Poverty in America. The campaign provides grants that aid community-based, anti-poverty programs, many located in areas where COF has a strong presence.

Each package includes 10 cards and envelopes. Cost per package includes shipping and handling. Order form and sample card with greeting are posted online at [catholicforester.org/servicecenter/2013ccard.aspx](http://catholicforester.org/servicecenter/2013ccard.aspx). Also available are a limited number of 2012, 2011 and 2010 winning designs.

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### Mail order form and check to:

Catholic Order of Foresters  
Attn: Communications Department  
PO Box 3012  
Naperville, IL 60566



2013 Card



2012 Card



2011 Card



2010 Card

### Order

#### 2013 Card

Number of packages \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7 (cost per package)

#### 2012 Card

Number of packages \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7 (cost per package)

#### 2011 Card

Number of packages \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7 (cost per package)

#### 2010 Card

Number of packages \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7 (cost per package)

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Ship to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_