



"Belonging in the Body of Christ: Celebrating Inclusion Through Art"

The Diocese of Arlington and Porto Charities are sponsoring an art exhibit as part of the From Inclusion to Belonging Conference on Disability. All elementary and high school students are invited to submit individual or collaborative pieces to be displayed at Saint John Paul the Great High School on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

Who Can Participate?

- Open to all elementary and high school students in the Diocese of Arlington. This includes homeschooled students.
- Artists are encouraged to be present during the art exhibition, but not required.

Theme

- Create an artwork that shows the beauty of belonging for individuals with disabilities in our schools, parishes, and communities.
- Reflect on the following verses for inspiration:
 - *"For we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance that we should live in them."* Ephesians 2:10
 - *"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* Romans 12: 4-5

Artwork Guidelines

- Any art style or medium is welcome (drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, photography, digital art, etc.) Maximum size 18X24.
- Artwork must be original and created by one or multiple students together.

Submission & Deadline

- Submit your artwork with your name(s), grade, school, the title of your artwork, and 2-3 sentences about your piece.
- An image of the artwork as a JPEG or PDF should be sent to media@portocharities.org with the subject line ART SHOW
- All entries must be submitted via email by February 10, 2026.
- Original artwork must be handed to conference organizers by February 28, 2026.
- For questions, please contact education@portocharities.org