## Drawing Closer to God Guides Kids Through Advent in New Video Series from the Augustine Institute

Young artists get creative as they learn new drawing skills and the meaning of the Nativity story

**Denver, CO, November 13, 2023**—The Augustine Institute will release *Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids* to invite children to experience the Nativity story in a new way this Advent. This six-episode series will debut on November 17 on <u>FORMED</u>, the Augustine Institute's on-demand streaming platform.

Drawing Closer to God features host Ms. Kim Kaminski, a professional artist and former Catholic elementary school art teacher, as she teaches children to draw different scenes from the Nativity story. With compelling storytelling, she points out key details from Scripture and Catholic tradition. As kids follow along and learn new art skills, they also learn to see the connections between the big picture of God's story and their place within it.

"Drawing Closer to God is a unique Catholic art series that is interactive. Young artists can free draw with me, or they can print the page and color along. Children will learn drawing skills and techniques while we journey together through our Catholic faith," noted Ms. Kim. "I love that this experience fosters a love for art in a fun and creative way, and we give glory to God through our artistic gifts!"

Ms. Kim's passion for evangelization and artistic expression inspired her to use drawing skills to encourage students in their relationships with God. Designed for children ages 6-11, the series includes one episode for each week in Advent and an episode each for Christmas and Epiphany. Younger children can also join in with coloring sheets available to <u>download here</u>.

Kids who follow *Drawing Closer to God* through Advent will reach Epiphany with their own beautiful Catholic artwork, new drawing skills, and a deeper understanding of Scripture. Each episode ends with a practical challenge from Ms. Kim to help children learn how to express their love of God in different ways.

"Life can get so very busy and full of distractions. During this special creative time at home, we joyfully come together, slow down, pray, and meditate on the mysteries of our faith while creating beautiful art and having fun too!" affirmed Ms. Kim.

*Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids* will be available on FORMED.org or the FORMED app alongside the other high-quality Catholic content subscribers have come to trust since 2015. The series will also stream on <u>YouTube</u>.

For more information and a complete press kit, visit <u>https://info.formed.org/dctg-press</u>.

Ms. Kim Kaminski is available for comment. To schedule an interview, contact Carrie Kline at <u>carriek@revolutionizingmissions.com</u>.

**About the Augustine Institute:** The Augustine Institute is a Catholic educational apostolate based in Greenwood Village, Colorado. Founded in 2005, the Augustine Institute exists to help Catholics understand, live, and share their faith through initiatives like Amen, FORMED, the Graduate School of Theology, Word of Life, and others.