

First Prize Art: Middle School Division

*Everlasting Faith*

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Survivor Testimony: Franz Wohlfahrt

While listening to Franz Wohlfahrt's testimony, I was amazed at how his strong faith helped him through grave suffering. He did not salute and idolize Hitler as many others did, but instead he chose only to follow God and his commandment to love one's neighbor. He was willing to die rather than break the commandment. He survived by being a good worker and painter, keeping his faith strong. That is why I depict him reaching out past the prison wire and the vast darkness of his suffering. He is painting the first word of a plaque that he made in secret: "Trust in the Lord with your entire heart..."