

Artist Statement — 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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I enjoy drawing so much that it is a passion for me to draw portraits. To a point while I draw it's like time stops and I go into another world. Whenever I find time for my self I go draw just to escape reality.

I decided to draw Jesus because he gave me this gift to be able to draw, and he gives me inspiration when I get the opportunity and the materials to draw.

When I was young, I tried many times to draw, but never could, even thought most of my family were talented in drawing, I was never able to.

Then came 11 years ago while I was in County jail I had a bontie who draws also, told me to continue to practice drawing everyday and I remember seeing a picture of Jesus and he told me to draw it. It was something I never done before but I tried and tried, over and over. I started noticing my skills progress better and better with each drawing.

Drawing is not only a passionate hobby, but I also use my skills as a form of income to allow me to buy what I need to get me by. I would like to say thank you for the opportunity you gave us to show our art to the world, Thank you so much. Garcigadeleon