



## THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH 2025 YOUTH AWARDS

### THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE IS EXCITED TO BE SPONSORING THE TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL YOUTH AWARDS PROGRAM

The CWL Youth Awards Program is a combination of contests intended to support Catholic youths to hone their skills in becoming people of faith dedicated to following in the footsteps of Christ to serve God and Canada. The program reflects the Objects of the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Below is the list of contests: (note that applications will not be accepted after the registration deadline)

#### **Mary Matthews Public Speaking** - registration deadline January 10<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Open to all Grade 7 and 8 students**, all Parish community schools, private or public and any students attending neighboring parishes or Catholics attending public schools.

#### **Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry** – registration deadline January 10th 2025

This contest is intended to be promoted in the Family Life and Religious Education Program in the schools and is supported by the CWL at the Parish Level and includes the following categories:  
Intermediate Level –

**Open to Grades 7, 8 and 9 students:** Essay: Minimum 250 words Maximum 500 words Poetry: Minimum 16 lines Maximum 32 Lines

**Senior Level – Open to Grades 10, 11 and 12 students:** Essay: Minimum 500 words Maximum 800 words Poetry: Minimum 16 lines Maximum 32 Lines

Criteria: All submissions must reflect the teachings of the Catholic Church concerning the sanctity of life and the value of all human life from conception to new life stages (death). Contestants reflecting on the dignity of life can reflect on how they see the sanctity or dignity of life is diminishing in their schools, communities and the world and what can be done to promote the dignity of life in these environments. Topics can include but are not limited to any topic which is reflected in the CWL Objects of the League that will be provided.

#### **Jean McCann Youth Service Award**

**Open to youths 15-18 years of age**

The Jean McCann Youth Service Award recognizes and affirms the role youths play in our Parishes. Youth must be between the ages of 15-18). This award is a tribute to Jean McCann, an inspirational CWL Life Member. It is hoped that by recognizing a young person with this award we can emphasize the necessity of service to others and show appreciation to those young people who are taking the gospel message seriously.



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The applicant's written submission is to: • describe involvement with family, school, community, parish and other activities • explain how he/she uses his/her talents in witnessing Christ • tell us about his/her future plans and anything else that he/she wishes us to know

### St Michael's College Scholarship

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by May 31, 2025.

**For further information regarding the CWL Youth Contests, please contact the CWL Service Chair, Grace Colaricci at 416 529 3762 or Margherita Thurlow, CWL President at 416 949 5988.**

The Youth Awards Program Package of all the necessary forms, rules and guidelines for the contests of the Youth Awards as listed above will be available to those interested to participate.

