

# FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024

November 8, 2023 - January 15, 2024



Office for Promoting Christian Unity  
& Religious Relations with Judaism  
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto



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THE CATHOLIC REGISTER

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**“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD  
... AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF.”**

**LUKE 20:27**

The theme and resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are prepared and published by Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity (Vatican) and Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.

**Focus Question for the Writing Contest (Essay) 2024**  
Luke 10:27 is taken from the parable of the Good Samaritan which carries a message of love, compassion, humility, mercy, and a culture of encounter for reconciliation and healing.

How are you personally challenged to live this parable? And, in what ways can the churches work together to give witness to this good news in your city? Conclude your essay with a prayer, expressing hope for love in action, especially for those most wounded and in need of the healing of God from the disciples of Jesus.

## Contest Rules:

- The Essay should focus on the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from the Gospel of Luke 10:27, **“You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself.”** Please read Luke 10:25-37 for a full insight of the parable.
- The contestants should consult resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 @ <https://rb.gy/wajo9> and submit a 450- 500-word essay that answers the given focus question.
- The contestants must be 13-19 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario Secondary School or equivalent program.
- The essay must be submitted on or before Monday, January 15, 2024, by 2:00 p.m. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Entries must include contestants full name, email address, phone number and name of their School/School Board on the front page of their essay.

Entries are to be submitted @ <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>. For any enquiries contact at [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 x: 527.

## Selection of the winners:

All submissions will be read by a panel including professional journalists and the Director of the Office for Promoting Christian Unity, Archdiocese of Toronto, and judged on overall merit.



**1st Place:**

Samsung Galaxy S23 128GB -  
Phantom Black



**2nd Place:**

Apple AirPods Pro  
(2nd generation)



**3rd Place:**

Sonos One (2nd Gen)  
Smart Speaker