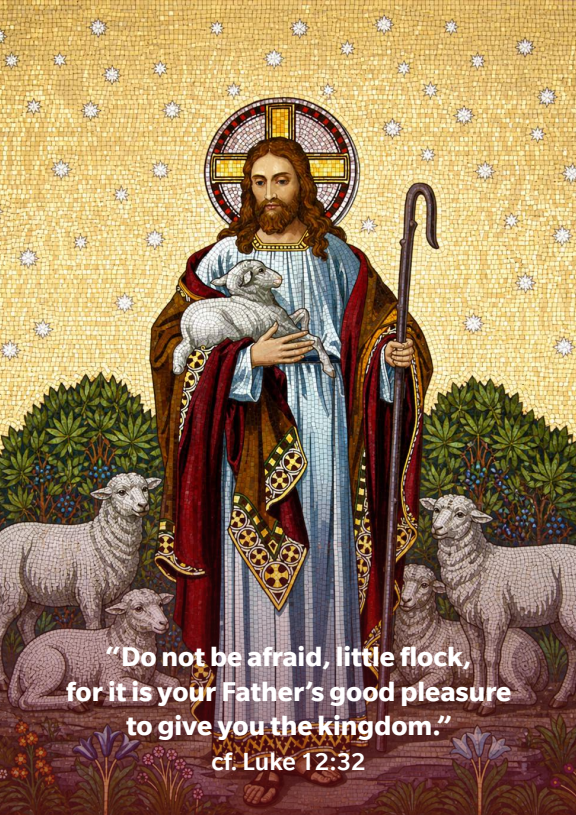


FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2027

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 TO JANUARY 11, 2027



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 FOR THE 2027 ESSAY:

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” (cf. Luke 12:32)

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for each of us. What worries or concerns would you like to trust to his loving care? Who has shown you this kind of care, and how can you share it with others in your community? Write a prayer thanking God for blessings received and expressing hope for the future.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, January 11, 2027 by 2:00 p.m.

CONTEST RULES:

- The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is taken from Luke 12:22-34, found on page 5 of the Resource Booklet, which you are expected to read in its entirety for a full understanding. Your essay should focus specifically on Luke 12:32, drawing on the information provided on Day 1 of the resources (see link below).
- Contestants should consult resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2027 at bit.ly/4yutVEZ and submit a 450–500-word essay that answers the given focus question.
- Contestants must be 13-19 years of age and be currently enrolled in an Ontario Secondary School or equivalent program.
- The essay must be submitted on or before Monday, January 11, 2027 by 2:00 p.m. Late entries will not be accepted.
- The front page of the essay must include the contestant’s full name, email address, phone number, name of school and school board.

SELECTION OF WINNERS:

All submissions will be read by a panel including professional journalists and the Director of the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations, Archdiocese of Toronto, and judged on overall merit.

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FIRST PRIZE:

Apple Watch Series
11 [GPS 46mm]
Smartwatch



SECOND PRIZE:

Skullcandy Crusher
1080 ANC Over-Ear
Noise Cancelling True
Wireless Headphones



THIRD PRIZE:

Sony ULT FIELD 3
Waterproof Bluetooth
Wireless Speaker



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