

**FATHER TED COLLETON SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM
2021-2022**

(Please print or type all information)

Student's Name (last) _____

(first) _____

Street Address _____

City _____

Prov _____

Postal Code _____

Phone# _____

E-mail _____

School (name) _____

Grade _____

School address _____

City _____

Prov _____

Postal code _____

School phone _____

#E-mail _____

Name of School Principal _____

Name of reference _____

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____

Helpful hints for the essay writing component are posted on www.theinterim.ca
One can also find samples of previous winning essays on a variety of topics.

Good luck!! Bon Chance!!

**2020-2021
Scholarship winners**



1st Prize Sarah Gangl



2nd Prize Sarah Grace McDonald



3rd Prize Kevin Urbas

For 20 years, Niagara Region Right to Life has been organizing the Father Ted Colleton Scholarship program. The topics have varied over the years, but they have always challenged students to think more deeply about life issues and to write about them cogently. The prizes are awarded following an evaluation process conducted by a committee that assesses the essay-writing component. (Letters of reference and a demonstrated commitment to pro-life are also elements of the contest.)

One of Fr. Ted's favourite quotations was that from Edmund Burke: *"All evil needs to flourish is that good men do nothing."* He always called on the good young people in our society to do something instead.

**The
Father Ted Colleton
Scholarship Program
2021-2022**



Niagara Region Right to Life offers The Father Ted Colleton Scholarship essay contest as part of its mandate to reach out to society in an educational format. In particular, Niagara Region Right to Life wishes to help educate and inform the younger generations about the preciousness and possibilities of human life from conception to natural death and how certain threats/trends and societal changes affect those possibilities in its beginnings.



FATHER TED COLLETON: AN INTRODUCTION

(for a fuller biographical summary go to www.theinterim.ca)

- Father Edward (Ted) Colleton (b. 1913- d. 2011) promoted pro-life principles and values for almost seven decades.
- Born in Dublin, Ireland in 1913, he entered the Spiritan Order in 1932, was ordained a priest in 1940 and was assigned to serve in Kenya. Forced to leave that mission field in 1971, he was reassigned to Canada, a nation that was bent on liberalizing its abortion laws.
- He joined the pro-life movement and set about educating the public, especially his beloved young people, about the tragedy of abortion. For more than 35 years Father Ted was a compelling pro-life writer and speaker, gentle teacher, committed activist, and raconteur par excellence, communicating to hundreds of thousands of people. He was arrested and briefly jailed for his witnessing against the evil of abortion laws or lack thereof.
- Father Ted believed that prayer was the most important action of human beings in winning the right to life for unborn generations present and to come. He died peacefully on April 26, 2011. His life work inspires many far and wide.



Scholarship Awards

As many as three prizes are offered: \$2000 first prize, \$1500 second prize and \$1000 third prize. A writing contest organized by Niagara Region Right to Life is a determining factor in the awarding of the scholarship prizes.

Eligible candidates must:

- be senior high school students (grade 11 or 12) attending a high school (or be homeschooled) in Canada
- submit one letter of reference from a school staff member or community representative
- provide a brief self-profile outlining their participation in school life/community activities and any interest/involvement in the pro-life cause. **Note: Lack of prior involvement in the pro-life movement does not disqualify the students from the scholarships.**
- The student must submit a typed original essay, approximately 1,200 words in length. The essay plus other documents should be submitted, preferably by email, to dirocco@theinterim.com, and if by regular mail, it must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

The essay theme or topic for this year's program is the following:

Describe how one could help build a *culture of life* (one that uncompromisingly respects and cherishes the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death). Your suggestions may range from a plan to protect the conscience rights of both current health professionals and of those contemplating medical studies - to more effective regulations regarding biomedical research, or from new peaceful public activism - to more effective strategies in the various fields of communication. This is an open-ended, non-exhaustive list.

Program: Rules and Regulations

A committee selected by Niagara Region Right to Life supervises the program.

Copyrights to any essay submitted for the purpose of the contest will be retained by Niagara Region Right to Life. Any publication or other use of the work would be acknowledged by naming its author. Please note that prize winners are asked to provide a photo of themselves so it may accompany the publication of their essay.

Students related to employees or volunteers of Niagara Region Right to Life are ineligible, as are previous prize winners in this scholarship program.

Announcement of winning entry

The winners will be declared by Tuesday, February 1, 2022 via an announcement by Niagara Region RTL. Criteria for the selection of winners include the quality of essays submitted.

Check off the following to make certain you have included all the necessary documentation. ✓

- a) One letter of reference from teacher or community representative.
- b) Type-written essay (1,200 words) with proper citations.
- c) Self-profile outlining your leadership and involvement in your school, community and/or church.

For further information leave a message for Dan Di Rocco at (416) 204-1687 or email dirocco@theinterim.com or visit our website www.niagararegionrighttolife.ca or www.theinterim.com You may send your completed application package by regular mail, with post mark no later than December 1, 2021 to:

Father Ted Colleton Scholarship
157 Catherine St. N., 2nd Floor
Hamilton, ON, L8L 4S4

In case of time constraints you may email the essay portion of your application and indeed your entire package to the attention of the program's coordinator at dirocco@theinterim.com by midnight of December 1, 2021. Please submit your essay in Word® document format rather than a pdf.

