



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council

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## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual CWL Poster & Essay Contests 2009/2010 School Year

### THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST

Dear School Principals and Teachers,

It is with great anticipation and hope that the children of the Catholic Schools will be inspired to participate in our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster/Essay Contest. Pope Benedict the 16<sup>th</sup> declared "The Year of the Priest" as the theme for the Church this year. We hope that this year's theme for our contest "**The Year of the Priest**" will awaken an awareness of the spiritual role of our priests in the Church.

Last year over 400 children participated in the Poster & Essay Contests. There were so many wonderful submissions. Thank you to all the teachers who worked with their students. Unfortunately we had to pick winners but really, every child and youth who submitted an entry was a winner. Winning posters and essays are on our website at [www.edm.cwl.ab.ca](http://www.edm.cwl.ab.ca).

After the contest all the children's poster and essay entries will be sent to our retired priests in the diocese. I'm sure they will be very appreciative and will derive much enjoyment from the students' contributions.

Enclosed are the contest instructions and official entry form. Please note that the deadline for submissions is March 1, 2010. Feel free to send us your comments on how we can improve this program. You may include comments with the contest entries or send us an email.

We hope your school will participate and look forward to your students' submissions.

May God bless you always in your work!

For God and Canada,

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