

# NORTHWEST CATHOLIC

## Student Essay Contest

Open to Catholic school students grades K–12

### “What does true mercy look like?”

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC is holding its third annual student essay contest. Winning essays will be chosen from three categories: grades K–5, 6–8, and 9–12. The three first-place essays, with photos of the authors, will be published in the January/February 2016 issue of NORTHWEST CATHOLIC.

The contest is open to students enrolled in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle. In light of Pope Francis’ declaration of a Holy Year of Mercy, essays should answer the following question: “What does true mercy look like?” Word limits for the essays are as follows: grades K–5: 250 words; grades 6–8: 350 words; grades 9–12: 500 words.

**Essays must be received by NORTHWEST CATHOLIC by Oct. 15.**

Essays will be judged on content, creativity and mechanics (organization, grammar and spelling).  
Most importantly: Don’t be boring.



**Each winner will receive \$150.**

Plus a \$500 grant for the teacher of his or her choice.

Winners will be notified by Nov. 5. Entries should include the student’s name, contact email address, school name (and city), and grade level. Note: If the contest is used as an all-class or all-school assignment, teachers should choose up to three essays from each class to enter. Individual entries are welcome. Send entries to [editor@seattlearch.org](mailto:editor@seattlearch.org) (include “Essay Contest” in subject line) or Essay Contest, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC, 710 Ninth Ave., Seattle, WA 98104.