

# Respect for Life Poster Contest winners announced

The diocesan Office for Respect Life received 206 poster entries from 16 Catholic schools and 20 religious education programs for its annual poster contest, according to Jennifer A. Ruggiero, director of the office.

Students from grades one through

eight focused their work on the theme "Open Your Hearts to Life!"

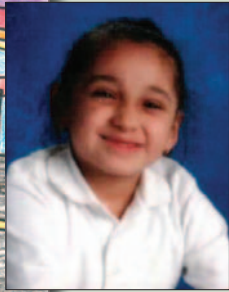
Participants were asked to consider the challenge from Pope Francis to open their hearts to life and show the world that every life is sacred. Drawings were judged on grade level,

creativity, clarity of message and visual appeal. Winning entries will be used for the 2014-15 Respect for Life Calendar.

Eight finalists were chosen for the Respect for Life High School Logo & Film contest. Two winners will be announced at a Mass and lunch May 6.

There were 49 high school entries; 38 were PowerPoint and 11 were film. Because of snow days, only two of the five high schools in the diocese, Immaculata, Somerville, and Cardinal McCarrick, South Amboy, had enough time to participate this year.

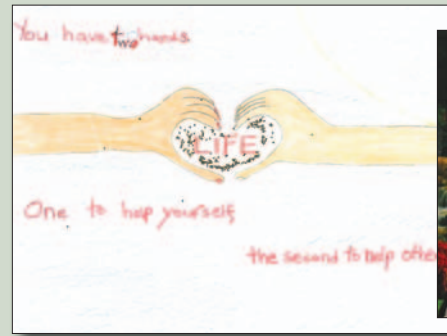
## First Grade



**1st Place**

**Jasiel Amigon**  
St. Joseph School  
Carteret

## Second Grade



**1st Place**

**Jessica Caldwell**  
St. Bartholomew  
Religious Education,  
East Brunswick

**2nd Place**

**Gianna D'Astoli**  
Immaculate Conception  
School, Spotswood



**2nd Place**

**Gabriella Malanga**  
St. Ambrose Religious  
Education, Old Bridge



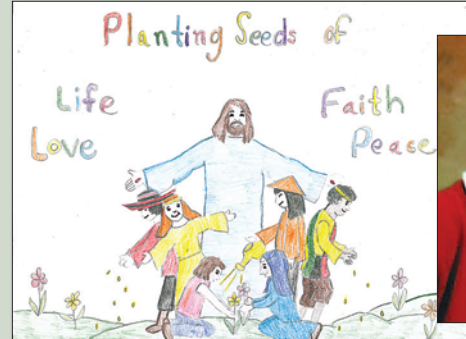
## Third Grade



**1st Place**

**Gabriella Domingo**  
St. Augustine of  
Canterbury, Kendall Park

## Fourth Grade



**1st Place**

**Regina M. Blanco**  
St. Ann School,  
Raritan Borough

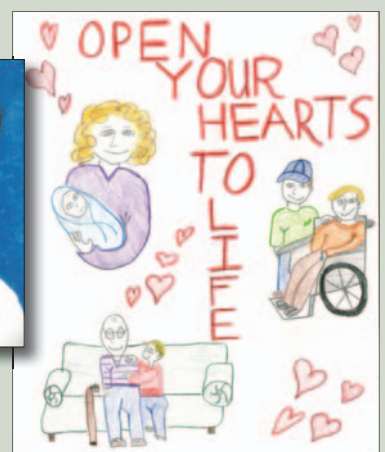
**2nd Place**

**Ishaani Purang**  
Assumption Catholic  
School, Perth Amboy



**2nd Place**

**Joshua Hebbe**  
St. James School,  
Woodbridge



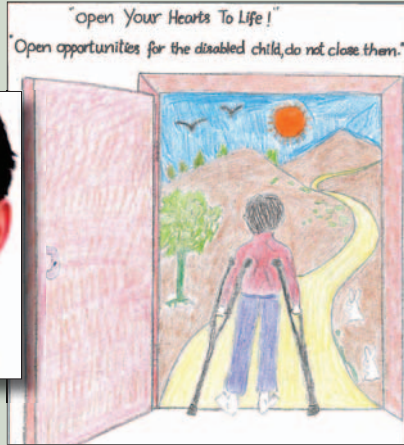


# Fifth Grade



**1st Place**  
**Abby Chadwick**  
*Immaculate Conception School, Spotswood*

**2nd Place**  
**Rajeev Reddy Atla**  
*St. Helena School, Edison*



# Sixth Grade



**1st Place**  
**Kristen McGuire**  
*St. Ann School, Raritan Borough*



**2nd Place (tie)**  
**Sara Barpi**  
*Our Lady of Victories School, Sayreville*



**2nd Place (tie)**  
**Zara Nelson**  
*St. Augustine of Canterbury, Kendall Park*



# Seventh Grade



**1st Place**  
**Katherine Perez**  
*Assumption Catholic School, Perth Amboy*

**2nd Place**  
**Isabella LaGrego**  
*Immaculate Conception School, Spotswood*



# Eighth Grade



**1st Place**  
**Katherine Zevallos**  
*Perth Amboy Catholic School, Perth Amboy*



**2nd Place**  
**Joo Eun Lim**  
*St. Thomas the Apostle, Old Bridge*

## Respect Life High School Finalists 2014

- Immaculata High School - **Fenela Bawagan**, Gr. 9 Film
- Immaculata High School - **Genevieve Wietecha**, Gr. 10 Film
- Cardinal McCarrick High School - **Adrian Genao**, Gr. 9 Film
- Cardinal McCarrick High School - **Joyce Loda**, Gr. 9 Film
- Cardinal McCarrick High School - **Jessica Dallagnese**, Gr. 10 powerpoint
- Cardinal McCarrick High School - **Gabrielle Nosek**, Gr. 11 powerpoint
- Cardinal McCarrick High School - **Feng Wang**, Gr. 11 powerpoint
- Cardinal McCarrick High School - **Briann Downes**, Gr. 12 powerpoint