Youth Ministry Office

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Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Teacher:

Re: A contest for Alberta Youth

All Christians are called to preach the Good News. Part of the Church's response to this call is *iWitness*, an online contest meant to engage all youth (from kindergarten to grade 12) and help them encounter Christ.

In *iWitness*, your students will showcase how they bear witness to the Lord in their lives, by way of drawings, pictures, written works (including poetry, short stories, narratives, etc.), videos or combinations of these. They will submit their projects, and with their parent's consent, be posted on the *iWitness* website (<u>iwitness.edmontoneparchy.com</u>). Students can visit the website to look at examples of different projects. Once the projects have been submitted, anyone can go online and vote for their favourite. Winners will receive a monetary prize for their class (of \$100), and a personal prize (such as iPods, iTunes Gift Cards, other gift cards).

Along with this letter, you may have received a poster that may be put up in your class, and a written step-by-step instruction of what your students do. On the website, under the "School & Resources" section, you can find a step-by-step video instruction that should be shown to your students in class; on this page, you will also find a pdf version of "letters to parents" and "flyers" for parents, which should have been put into the school newsletter. If you think it necessary, you can also print off either of these to send home with your students.

We encourage you to take your students to the appropriate grade link on the website (iwitness.edmontoneparchy.com) to show them a video explaining the program and look at examples of projects.

For more information about the *iWitness* program, or for your comments and feedback, please contact Millie Schietzsch at the Chancery Office Eparchy of Edmonton at 780-424-5496 or by email at youth@edmontoneparchy.com

Glory be Forever!

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