

## FATHER TED COLLETON: AN INTRODUCTION

(for a fuller biographical summary go to [www.theinterim.ca](http://www.theinterim.ca))

- Father Edward (Ted) Colleton has promoted pro-life principles and values for more than six 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 Kenya in 1971 he was re-assigned to Canada, a modern nation about to experiment in liberalizing abortion services.
- He joined the pro-life movement to try and educate 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 has been arrested and jailed for his witnessing against the evil of abortion laws or lack thereof.
- Now retired, he deeply believes that prayer is the most important action of human beings in winning the right to life for unborn generations present and to come.
- One of Father Ted's favourite quotations remains that from Edmund Burke: "All evil needs to flourish is that good men do nothing." He calls on the good young people in our society to do something instead.



## Scholarship Awards

There are three prizes: \$1500 first prize, \$800 second prize and \$500 third prize. A writing contest co-sponsored by *The Interim* newspaper and Niagara Region RTL is a determining factor in the awarding of the scholarships.

### Eligible candidates must:

- be senior high school students (grade 11 or 12)
- submit one letter of reference from a school staff member or community representative
- provide a brief self-profile outlining participation in school life/community activities and a description of their interest/involvement in the pro-life cause and
- the student must submit (preferably by email to [dirocco@theinterim.com](mailto:dirocco@theinterim.com)) a typed original essay, (approximately 800-1000 words in length) postmarked no later than November 30, 2011 on the following topic:

### Is there cause for pro-life optimism regarding the abortion issue in Canada?

### Administration of the Scholarship Program: Rules and Regulations

This responsibility rests with a committee selected by the staff of *The Interim*.

Copyrights to any essay submitted for the purpose of the contest will be retained by *The Interim* newspaper. Any publication or other use of the work would be acknowledged by naming its author.

*Students related to employees or volunteers of The Interim, Niagara Region Right to Life or Campaign Life Coalition are ineligible.*

### Announcement of winning entry

The winners will be declared by January 31, 2012. Criteria for the selection of winners include the quality of essays submitted. Prior involvement in the pro-life movement does not disqualify the students from the scholarships.

If you are graduating from high school this year would you like information about pro-life activities on your future campus? (circle only one)

YES NO

(National Campus Life Network, the coordinating organization on Canadian and American university campuses will contact you by e-mail if you check yes).

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

a) One letter of reference

b) Type-written essay (800-1000 words)

c) Self-profile

Please note that in case of time constraints you may wish to email the essay portion of your application and then forward a hard copy with the rest of your application package.

For further information contact Dan Di Rocco, (416) 204-1687 or email to [dirocco@theinterim.com](mailto:dirocco@theinterim.com)

Mail your completed application package to:  
Father Ted Colleton Scholarship  
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**FATHER TED COLLETON SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION FORM  
2011-2012**

*(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](http://www.theinterim.ca)  
One can also find samples of previous winning essays on a variety of topics.

**Good luck!!**

**2010-2011**

**Scholarship winners**



Julian Paparella  
London, Ont.



Talina Henseleit  
Kelowna, B.C.



Stefania Lista  
Maple, Ont.

For ten years, *The Interim* and Niagara Region Right to Life have been co-sponsoring the Father Ted Colleton Scholarship program. The topics have varied over the years, but they have always challenged students to think more deeply about pro-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.)

**The  
Father Ted Colleton  
Scholarship Program  
2011-2012**



**The Father Ted Colleton Scholarship serves to encourage young people to learn about pro-life issues, the pro-life movement and to become actively involved in its programs.**



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