

February 2, 2026

Dear Art Teacher,

Right to Life of Indianapolis (**RTL**) is sponsoring the 20th annual art contest this year open to students enrolled in grades 9 – 12. Entrants must reside in Marion County or one of the counties bordering Marion County.

The theme of the contest is “**Celebrate Life**”. The 1st place winning artwork will grace the cover of the program for the annual RTL dinner on October 13, 2026. This event is attended by close to 900 people. The winning students will be recognized at this event, in the program book, and will be our guests at the Celebrate Life Dinner at The Marriott Downtown Indianapolis. Last year’s 1st place winner was Natalie Reynon, a student from St.Theodore Guerin High School. Previous 1st place winners have been students from Arlington, Carmel (3), Cathedral (4), St. Theodore Guerin, and Roncalli (7) High Schools, Greenwood Christian Academy and homeschooled.

The first-place winner’s school will receive a \$250 stipend for its Art Department. If the first-place winner is home schooled, this award will go to the local, state, or national home school organization of the winner’s choice. The winners’ cash prizes will be awarded as follows:

First place: \$250
Second place: \$200
Third place: \$150
Fourth place: \$100
Fifth place: \$50

Each school or sponsoring organization should select the best two entries to submit to the RTL office, 1060 E. 86th St. Suite 61-B, Indianapolis, IN 46240 by April 15, 2026. Winners will be notified by phone.

I hope you motivate your art students to consider entering this contest. If it cannot be a part of the curriculum, encourage them to work on their own with your guidance.

We ask you to encourage your students to participate in this opportunity to stimulate discussion leading to actual creativity, and to provide student recognition and monetary awards for their efforts. A letter to students including the application and rules is posted on the RTL website and is included with this letter.

If you have any questions you may call or email the RTL office (317-582-1526, life@rtlindy.org) or visit the RTL website at www.rtlindy.org.

Sincerely,



Carla Leppert
Art Contest Chairperson