

HOW TO INTRODUCE THE PRO-LIFE DRAWING CONTEST

Thank you for helping your students engage with the dignity and value of every human life through the Oregon Right to Life Drawing Contest. We hope that your introduction will encourage students to recognize the humanity we all share and to appreciate the unique value of every person, both before and after birth. It is not necessary to directly refer to abortion, but

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Drawings must clearly incorporate the theme and demonstrate originality.
- **"Human Like Me"** is this year's theme. The theme invites students to think about the ways all human beings are alike, regardless of age, size, ability, or stage of development.
- Every human being is unique and valuable. Before birth, babies are growing and developing within their mothers' wombs. Even though unborn babies are small and cannot do everything older children or adults can do, they are still human beings.
- Students may think about characteristics they share with babies before birth. For example, everyone has a heartbeat, fingerprints, tiny hands and feet, grows and develops, has a family, and needs love, care, and protection. Every person began life as a baby before birth.
- The theme encourages students to recognize similarities rather than differences. We were all once unborn babies, and we all share the same human nature.
- Ideas for a strong drawing: a child and an unborn baby with similarities highlighted. Illustrate stages of life and development all the way from the womb to old age. Depict family members welcoming and caring for a new baby. Show characteristics we share with the unborn, such as hands, feet, smiles, fingerprints, heartbeats, or facial expressions. Create side-by-side images showing "Human Like Me" through common activities, emotions, or family relationships. Use strong colors, clear images, and fill the page thoughtfully to create visual appeal.
- Writing the theme as part of the drawing is not necessary, but it can help emphasize the message and direct viewers to understand the artwork in that light. Emphasize taking care to spell all words correctly. Writing the theme on the board may be helpful.

All drawings will be judged on these three facets:

1. **The quality of the artwork** - the level of artistic skill demonstrated. Rated 1-10.
2. **The drawing's visual appeal** - creative idea and eye-catching presentation. Rated 1-10.
3. **The message/theme** - how clearly "Human Like Me" is demonstrated. Rated 1-10.