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Jesuit Communications Australia announces the winners of the 2020 *Australian Catholics* Young Journalist Award

Jesuit Communications Australia, the publishers of *Australian Catholics* magazine, have announced the winners of the 2020 Young Journalist Awards.

The awards, which are open to primary and secondary students around Australia, celebrate excellence in journalism across three categories and two age divisions.

Centred on the theme of “Stories of Celebration”, the winning entries feature inspiring stories of hope, achievement and outreach in the Australian community, in written and – for the first time – photo and digital formats.

Australian Catholics editor Michael McVeigh said “The winning entries highlight how young people can offer us new ways to see and appreciate the world, particularly amid the Covid-19 shutdowns affecting communities across Australia.

These young journalists, and the stories they share, inspire us all to look for the good and beautiful that still exists in the people and worlds around us”, Mr McVeigh said.

The winning print and photographic entries feature in the Spring edition of *Australian Catholics*.

Year 10 and 11 students from Catholic high schools around Australia planned and wrote articles for the edition as part of an online internship program in May this year.

The winning entries will also be published online at www.australiancatholics.com.au over coming weeks.

With the support of Australian Catholic University, the annual Young Journalist Award offers aspiring journalists in Catholic schools the opportunity to be published in a national magazine and win prizes from Penguin Random House, Parker, Sharpie, PaperMate and Seven Steps to Writing Success.

A full list of winners is attached.

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