

Diocesan children aim to improve world in '95

The Nov. 10 installment of our bimonthly Kids' Chronicle page invited children to submit essays, poems and drawings in response to the question: "If you could give Jesus a birthday promise this Christmas, what would you offer to do in 1995 to make the world a better place?"

We received hundreds of responses from all around the diocese, and the first batch was published in our Dec. 22 edition. This is the second and final publication of submissions.

Entries appear exactly as submitted (i.e., we did not "clean up" spelling or other errors).

Unfortunately, we do not have the space to publish all of the works submitted, but as we noted Dec. 22, if every child who submitted a response to this invitation follows through on his or her promise, the world will indeed be a better place in 1995.



My Promise to Jesus

I will promise to Jesus that I will do good deeds in 1995. I will try to not argue with my Mom or Dad when I have to do my chores. When they give me money for the chores I will give some of it to the Bread Collection in Church. Jesus has been good to me. I think it would make him happy to know I am helping the poor. This is my birthday gift for Him.

John Petrantoni
St. Ambrose School
Grade 3



Stephanie Godleski,
St. John of Rochester,
Fairport,
Grade 6

WHAT I WOULD GIVE JESUS

I'd plant flowers,
I'd rake leaves,
I'd help the hungry,
I would even forgive my friends for being mean.

I'd do good things to people,
And not bad things,
I would help my mom,
I would help everyone, in helping the world,

I would not lie,
I would say loving things to all people,
I would try to do good in class,
I'd greet people as they are coming in,

I'd be nice to my family and relatives,
I'd do the dishes,
I'd be kind,
I would not be smart,
I'd clean the house,
I would give my whole self.

Erin Ashley Young
Holy Rosary School, Rochester
Grade 5

MY GIFT

What a nice world this would be if we took time to help the elderly. I could visit them and we could take a walk while they share their wisdom with me. I could give them canned goods and other foods. I could do errands for the elderly, too. I could bake meals for them. I could rake their leaves. I could cheer them up by bringing them bouquets of flowers.

Kristin Farrell, Grade 4
St. Helen's School, Gates

If I could give Jesus a promise I would promise him that I would help my ninety-one years old grate grandma.

Brendan Hamm
St. Michael's School, Penn Yan
Grade 3

If I could give Jesus a birthday promise this Christmas, I would make peace with others and if someone is having a problem I will help them.

Ashley Slaughter
Nazareth Hall
Grade 2

I will help my mom to clean the house so that she does not get tired. I will not fight with my brother and be nice to him and not tease him. I will help my grandpa shovel the snow in the winter. I will help my grandma cook and clean so she does not get tired too. Helping my neighbors with the groceries. And help people at the mall to open the door. These are some things I will do for people to make this a better place for everyone.

Melissa Larnia
St. Helen's School, Grade 4

Dear Jesus, For Christmas I will do my chores. I will pray more often. I will be kind to others. I Love you.

Christopher Malinowski
St. Mary's School, Canandaigua
Grade 1

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If I could give Jesus
a birthday present, I
would give him the love
of my heart and I will
be peaceful.

Dahlia Townsend
Nazareth Hall
Grade 2

My Promise to Jesus

To make the world better, I would start by planting a tree to replace the ones being cut down in the forest. I will tell my family and friends not to pollute the air, water and land. My family and I will recycle our garbage more often.

I would be nice to everyone and care for people that are hurt. If I know of someone that needs food, clothes or toys, I would try to help them.

And most of all, I would pray for peace in every country.

Daniel Gillon
St. Patrick's School, Seneca Falls
Grade 4

If I could give Jesus a birthday promise for 1995 I would promise him that I would live in peace and follow the Law of Love.

Peter Osgood
St. Michael's School, Newark
Grade 3

If I could give Jesus a birthday promise this Christmas, I would make peace with my friend.

Caitlin Bayer
Nazareth Hall
Grade 2

All I could give a birthday promise for Jesus this Christmas it would be to clean up the world. I would like to clean up the world because I don't like living in a dump. I think Jesus doesn't like his brothers and sisters living in a dump.

I would clean up the world by picking up trash people throw on the ground.

will also tell people not to throw trash on the ground because Jesus and other people don't like that.

I will ask people to help me do this. I know a lot of people will help me do this. This is what I will do for Jesus's birthday promise.

Melissa Colon
St. Michael's School, Newark
Grade 5

If I could give Jesus a birthday promise this Christmas, I would offer to do in 1995 to make the world a better place I would help the homeless. I will give food to the church so they can give it to the homeless. I will promise to try to start a food drive and sell food stamps for a low price.

Also if I can I will try to start a place where the homeless can get food and also get medical treatment if they are sick or hurt. I will go around towns and ask people if they can support the homeless by giving some money to me or my helpers so we can give it to them. I will do the best I can to make this come true.

Alyse Edwards
St. Michael's School, Newark
Grade 5

A Celebration for JESUS

I will give JESUS this:

I'd plant flowers,
I'd rake leaves,
I'd help the poor,
I'd feed the poor,
I'd help people,
I'd clean up the world,
I'd help my sister,
I won't lie,
I'd love people,
I would be nice,
I'd give him my whole self,
I'd help people,
I'd serve HIM,
I'd love everyone,
I'd be good for my mom,
I'd help my classmates,
I'd be good,
I'd help my friends,
I'd help my Grandma,
I'd be kind,
This is what I'd do for HIM.

Christine Marie Northrup
Holy Rosary School
Grade 5

If I could give Jesus a birthday promise this Christmas to make the world a better place, I would offer to teach someone more about Jesus than they already know about Jesus in 1995.

How am I going to do this you might ask? I can do this by inviting somebody to church or Sunday School. I can also do this by putting on a play at church

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