

# Mercy student videos address the Critical Concerns

Mike Poulin, Mercy Justice Team

For the seventh time since 2017, the Sisters of Mercy have invited students at Mercy high schools, colleges and universities to participate in a video contest focused on social justice. Participants in this year's contest were given a choice of two topics, immigration and voting, around which to create a video that was no longer than 90 seconds. All of the videos honored in this year's contest, and winning videos from previous years, can be viewed [here](#).

The grand prize was won by students Jaylyn Remolona and Myra Alvarez from Mercy High School in Burlingame, California, near San Francisco, for their video titled *Sacrifice for Family*.

Second place went to three students (Carli Amos, Aiden Arrington and Luciana Elliott) from Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School in Lower Gwynedd, Pennsylvania, for a video titled *Use Your Voice!* Third place was earned by two students (Riley Wichman and Angela Thiel) from Mercy High School in Middletown, Connecticut; their video was titled *Vote with Faith and Mercy*.

Honorable mentions went to two other submissions: *Our Journeys Began with Them*, from Leilani Duong-Vasquez, Sophia Hiebert, Taylor Rovetti and Caroline Phillips of Mercy High School in Middletown, Connecticut; and *Be a Hero and VOTE with Faith*, from Calliope Beatty, Malley Connor, Addison Foster and Grace Tronoski of Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School in Lower Gwynedd, Pennsylvania.

The video contest was launched in 2017 as a way to connect high school and college students at Sisters of Mercy-sponsored schools with the Mercy Critical Concerns. The short videos will be used on social media and in other venues to educate others about the issues of voting and immigration.