

2025 Giovanna Piccinin International Scholarship:
'Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope'
- In Memoriam: Pope Francis -



Accademia dei Ragazzi is pleased to present to all students in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) the first **Giovanna Piccinin International Scholarship**, valued up to \$1,500. It entails four scholarships dedicated to children and teens studying Italian in private, public and Catholic schools in the GTA. This year the project is titled '**Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope**', and will honor **the memory of Pope Francis**, who passed away on Easter Monday 2025. Students are asked to explore the religious theme of the Jubilee by following a picture story (see *attachment*), where they have to write a few sentences in Italian and draw an image to complete the story.

What is the Jubilee and why is it celebrated this year?

The Jubilee, also known as the Holy Year, is a special period in the Catholic tradition and is celebrated every 25 years. This event is intended to be an occasion to reflect on the faith and the message of Jesus. The Jubilee offers the faithful the opportunity to renew their faith and to draw closer to God through prayer and penance. Traditionally, the Jubilee has been associated with the pilgrimage to Rome to visit the basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul. The 2025 Jubilee was declared by Pope Francis to celebrate the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus.

The Giovanna Piccinin International Scholarship, valued up to \$1,500 will be divided into four age groups:

- 1) **Primary Division (ages 6-8):** \$300 scholarship value
- 2) **Junior Division (ages 9-11):** \$350 scholarship value
- 3) **Intermediate Division (ages 12-13):** \$400 scholarship value
- 4) **High School (ages 14-17):** \$450 scholarship value

a) Primary Division (ages 6-8):

Your teacher will provide you with the hard copy of a picture story titled 'Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope'. **Color the illustrations and write one or more words in Italian describing each drawing.** Write the word(s) in Italian under each image. On the last page, **draw a picture** that ends the story thinking upon these questions: *'What do you hope to find after passing through the Holy Door in the Vatican? What do you see in your future'?*

b) Junior Division (ages 9-11):

Your teacher will provide you with the hard copy of a picture story titled 'Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope'. **Color the illustrations and write a short sentence in Italian describing each drawing.** Write a short sentence in

Italian under each image. On the last page, **draw a picture** that ends the story thinking upon these questions: *'What do you hope to find after passing through the Holy Door in the Vatican? What do you see in your future'?*

c) Intermediate Division (ages 12-13):

Your teacher will provide you with the hard copy of a picture story titled 'Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope'. **Color the illustrations and write one or more sentences in Italian describing each drawing.** Write your full and complete sentence(s) in Italian under each image. On the last page, **draw a picture** that ends the story thinking upon these questions: *'What do you hope to find after passing through the Holy Door in the Vatican? What do you see in the future of the world'?*

d) High School (ages 14-17):

Your teacher will provide you with the hard copy of a picture story titled 'Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope'. **Color the illustrations and write one or more sentences in Italian describing each drawing.** Write your full and complete sentence(s) in Italian under each image. On the last page, **draw a picture** that ends the story thinking upon these questions: *'What do you hope to find after passing through the Holy Door in the Vatican? What do you see in the future of the world'?* **Answer these questions with a full and complete sentence in Italian** - write your sentence on the last page.

Participation Criteria:

In order to win the 2025 Giovanna Piccinin International Scholarship, students must be enrolled in a private, public or Catholic school in the Greater Toronto Area. **Accademia dei Ragazzi reserves the right to keep the entries in its school archive.*

Selection Criteria:

Accademia will appoint an independent jury who will evaluate the entries.

Selection criteria are:

- The entry's quality of the art / clarity and depth of the content;
- The student's freedom of thought and error (without any adult's 'interference');
- The creativity shown by our children and youth.

Submission Date:

The submission date for the culminating project titled 'Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope' is **Saturday, October 18, 2025**. Entries must be submitted in hard copy to the Columbus Centre in Toronto (901 Lawrence Avenue West, ON M6A 1C3) to the attention of *Giulio Recchioni*.

Student Scholarship Ceremony:

In celebration of student success, the four scholarships tied to the 2025 Giovanna Piccinin International Scholarship will be presented during a Student Scholarship Ceremony on **Saturday, November 15, 2025** at 2:00 PM in the Rotunda of the Columbus Centre (901 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto). All students who submit this project will receive a *Certificate of Participation*.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Giulia Guadagni, Accademia's *Director of Curriculum Development*, or the teachers Sonia Mercuri and Giuseppe Viterbo; they designed and illustrated this project.

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Happy learning and the best of luck to all students!

Best wishes,
Accademia dei Ragazzi

WHO WE ARE:

Accademia dei Ragazzi is one of the best Italian schools for children and teens (1 to 18 years old) in Toronto and Vaughan. We stand out for our language programs that reflect the curriculum taught in Italy, the adoption of the best teaching practices offered in the Ontario school system and the use of modern technology.

For more information about our Italian school, you can visit our website at www.accademiadeiragazzi.ca, or you can send us an email at info@accademiadeiragazzi.ca.

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A picture story - Example

