



Every Human has Rights

For over 800 years, Franciscans have dedicated their lives to serving among the poor and most vulnerable in over 140 countries – including yours. Since 1989 Franciscans International (FI) has been voicing those concerns at the highest level of world diplomacy — The United Nations.

FI works with Franciscans at the United Nations to:

- **Stop Violence** — the right to be safe
- **End human trafficking** — the right to be free
- **Eradicate extreme poverty** — the right to be healthy
- **Protect the environment** — the right to breathe
- **Assure the potential of women and children** — the right to learn

Human Rights are inherent to everybody everywhere, regardless of nationality, place of residence, age, gender, ethnicity, religion, language, physical or mental capacity, or any other aspect of our identity. To deny anyone universal decency is a human rights violation.

Enter FI's Human Rights Competition and tell us "Why Human Rights Matter to You?"

To research topics and compete visit www.franciscansinternational.org.

Franciscans International Human Rights Competition

Your Right to Participate

- Choose one of the "Rights" listed to write an essay, submit an audio performance (song, rap or spoken word), or use photography or art to express: **"Why Should Rights Matter to Me?"**
- Think both globally and locally about your "Right." Remember, "Rights" that you take for granted in your town/ country, may be only a dream in other parts of the world. Human Rights violations occur everywhere. Human Rights violations don't just happen in poor countries; they also occur in your own backyard.
- Ask yourself: "Does the person around the corner have the same rights you have? What about ALL young people around the world? Are you sure?"

Human Rights Violations...Happening closer than you think.

Winners & Awards

Students aged 11-18 and 18-22, in schools, universities, parishes and youth groups, can compete for FI Human Rights Awards and the overall Global Awards of US\$500.

Deadline

Submit your work by November 15, 2010.

For more competition details visit www.franciscansinternational.org.

