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Miss Jessica Healy, from Santa Maria College in Northcote, winner of second place in the Pre-Adolescent Section of the Vatican's World-wide Competition of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 has been awarded a trip to Rome for herself and her parents from October 9-15, coinciding with the World Meeting of Families.

The trip is being offered by the Central Committee for the Grand Jubilee with that office paying for the travel and lodging expenses.

Joining Miss Healy in Rome will be the other winners in the world-wide contest. They are:

Children's section:

1. Pedro Javier Cervantes Rubio (Spain)2. Karel Beldad (Peru)3. Kristine Calado (USA)

Pre-adolescent section:

1. J. Yap (Indonesia)2. Jessica Healy (Australia)3. Pierre Dinba (Cameroon)

Adolescent section:

1. Antonio Salzano (Italy)2. Eva Capkovicova (Slovakia)3. Stephanie Cherenfant (Haiti)

The Grand Committee for the Great Jubilee also mentions that the winners will receive special prizes whilst visiting the Vatican as well as the opportunity of being congratulated by the Holy Father.

A copy of Miss Healy's poem "Breathe" can be accessed on our web-site.