



**2019 REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS  
CHILD & YOUTH POETRY CONTEST  
DIVISION 1 - GRADES 4 TO 6**

**ANGELINA PILEGGI, GRADE 5  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
THIRD PRIZE**



**FATIMA**

I remember the day we got a new neighbour,  
And my mom explained how Canada saved her

She seemed shy and nervous as she stared,  
And wore a handkerchief around her hair

Time passed and it took her a while,  
But gradually I made her smile

The one day I brought her a treat,  
In return she gave me peppers to eat

It hurts me that she didn't have basic human rights,  
The country she came from sounds so uptight

She now has freedom of thought, belief, and opinion,  
And human rights like freedom of conscience and religion

Now with a glowing heart I watch her rise,  
And plant her peppers with true north pride

I am so happy knowing that my new friend,  
Is in a place where she can begin again