



Knights of Columbus
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Council Guidelines

Eligibility:

- ◇ The State Council Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students in grades eight through twelve in public, private, and parochial schools.

Timetable:

- ◇ **September to February:** Councils order the Knights of Columbus essay contest kits from Supreme Council Office. Councils should then contact Religious Education Programs in the area as well as publish announcements of the contest in local parish bulletins. Councils judge essays submitted and make appropriate awards to the contest winners.
- ◇ **March:** Councils submit first place essays in each category no later than March 15 to the State Council essay committee for judging. There are 2 judging categories: Division 1: 8th and 9th graders, Division 2: 10th through 12th graders.
- ◇ **April 15:** State Council winning essays submitted to Supreme for international judging
- ◇ **May:** State Council makes awards to the first, second, and third place winners in each category at the Annual State Convention. Winners and their families will be invited to the Sunday morning awards breakfast.

Essay Theme and Topic:

◇ The theme of the essay contest is: **"Through his Incarnation, the Lord has united himself forever with suffering humanity — not as an abstraction, but throughout history with each suffering person. Jesus is already at the peripheries. The question for us is whether He will be there alone or whether His disciples will be there with Him."** - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

Discuss the role of the Catholic Church going to the peripheries, then select one of the following ideas to complete your essay:

- Describe the work of one widely known current Catholic who went to the periphery.**
- Describe the work of one widely known historical Catholic who went to the periphery.**
- Describe the work of one person in your life, who helps alleviate human suffering.**

Guidelines:

- ◇ essays must reflect the assigned theme and topic, and be submitted by the published deadline.
- ◇ essays are to be the students original work.
- ◇ essays must be typed on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, one sided, double spaced, with 1" margins.
- ◇ essays must be between 500 and 750 words.
- ◇ students name should appear only on the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest form which should be stapled to the essay
- ◇ all entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

Councils are to submit winning essays no later than March 15 to:

James W. Ciaglo, Catholic Essay Chairman
565 Old Hartford Rd.
Colchester, CT 06415



Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Student Guidelines

Eligibility:

- ◇ The Catholic Essay Contest is open to all eighth through twelfth grade Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools.

Essay Theme and Topic:

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All essays are to be submitted to:

(local chairmans name and address)



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Suggested Parish Bulletin Announcement:

_____ Council, Knights of Columbus, is sponsoring an essay contest for 8th through 12th graders. The theme of the essay contest is:

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- c) Describe the work of one person in your life, who helps alleviate human suffering.**

To receive contest rules and entry form contact : _____ at _____.

All entries must be submitted to _____ Council by _____.