



# **Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus**

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Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights,

This is the thirteenth year of the Connecticut State Council's state wide Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest designed to complement those contests held at the local Council level. The topic of this year's contest was "**Charity is the theological virtue which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.**" Essays were to consider what virtue is and think about ways in which the essayist exemplifies the virtue of Charity to glorify and reflect the nature of God. This could be at home with their families or in their communities, as they enrich the welfare of others. Since the contest is open to all Catholic youth in grades 8 through 12 and not just the children of brother Knights, it serves to put forth the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic message of our Order in our parishes and communities. Judging this years essays were: Robert W. Metzler, Jr., FDD, James E. Roy, FSS, and James Wilson, FDD.

The committee is pleased to announce the winners of this years competition:

## **8th-9th Grade Division:**

1st Place: Katherine Hoerdemann, contest sponsored by: Marquette Council #245, Ridgefield

2nd Place: Taylor Roy, contest sponsored by: Father Martin J Scholsky Council #1155, Manchester

3rd Place: Angelica Hanna, contest sponsored by: St. Frances X. Cabrini Council #4096, Bridgeport

## **10th-12th Grade Division:**

1st Place: Morgan Frye, contest sponsored by: Father Martin J Scholsky Council #1155, Manchester

2nd Place: Emma Daly, contest sponsored by: Father Martin J Scholsky Council #1155, Manchester

I want to thank all those students who entered the contest as well as all the Councils who sponsored a contest. All of the essays submitted were well written which made judging difficult. State Council 1st Place essays have been forwarded to the Supreme Council for international judging. I would especially like to thank the judges who volunteered their time to read and score each essay.

Of note, each year since 2013 Marquette Council #245, Ridgefield, and Spellman Council #6107, Colchester, have conducted local essay contests and submitted their winners to the State Council for judging. These two councils are to be commended for their continued participation in this excellent program to engage our Catholic youth

Fraternally,

James W. Ciaglo Jr., FDD, Committee Chairman