



# Knights of Columbus

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MARQUETTE COUNCIL 1437 OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITES ALL CATHOLIC STUDENTS IN GRADES 8, 9, 10, 11, AND 12 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2014 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WRITE A 500 TO 750 WORD ESSAY ON THE THEME OF:

## THE IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

- ESSAYS MUST REFLECT THE ASSIGNED THEME AND BE THE STUDENT'S ORIGINAL WORK.
- ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED, SINGLE SIDED, DOUBLE SPACED AND BE BETWEEN 500 AND 750 WORDS IN LENGTH ON 8½" X 11" PAPER
- THE STUDENT'S NAME SHOULD APPEAR ONLY ON THE OFFICIAL CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM, AND STAPLED TO THE ESSAY.
- OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY ENTRANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN
- ENTRIES BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

GRADING WILL BE BASED ON A 100 POINT SYSTEM AND WILL BE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

**35 POINTS: CONTENT** — HOW THOROUGHLY IS THE TOPIC EXAMINED?

**30 POINTS: GRAMMAR** — HOW WELL IS THE ESSAY WRITTEN WITH RESPECT TO SENTENCE AND PARAGRAPH CONSTRUCTION?

**35 POINTS: STYLE** — DOES THE ESSAY SHOW CREATIVITY, IMAGINATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOPIC IN A LOGICAL AND COMPELLING STYLE?

ENTRANTS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION.

COUNCIL LEVEL WINNERS FOR EACH GRADE WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE.

DIOCESAN LEVEL 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNERS FOR EACH GRADE WILL RECEIVE A PLAQUE.

STATE LEVEL

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNERS FOR EACH GRADE RECEIVE A PLAQUE AND A CHECK FOR \$200

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE WINNERS FOR EACH GRADE RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE AND A CHECK FOR \$100

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WINNERS FOR EACH GRADE WILL RECEIVE MONETARY AWARDS: \$300 FOR

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNERS FOR EACH GRADE RECEIVE \$300

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE WINNERS FOR EACH GRADE RECEIVE \$200

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE WINNERS FOR EACH GRADE RECEIVE \$100

**ESSAYS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 17, 2014**

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ESSAY CONTEST. PLEASE ADVISE HOW MANY ENTRY FORMS YOU WILL REQUIRE AND I WILL DROP THEM OFF TO YOU. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR PICKING UP THE COMPLETED ESSAYS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT [DSAUNDERS@TOMBA.COM](mailto:DSAUNDERS@TOMBA.COM) OR MY CELL PHONE IS 504-810-2970.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP AND ASSISTANCE.

DOUG SAUNDERS  
ESSAY CONTEST  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR

# Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

## Entry Form *To be completed by entrant*

I wish to enter the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST in the division checked below.  
I realize that my entry becomes the property of the Knights of Columbus.

8th Grade  
  9th Grade  
  10th Grade  
  11th Grade  
  12th Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Entrant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State/Province

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Entrant

### THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

The undersigned hereby request and approve the entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to entrant's said participation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Guardian

## Score Sheet

*This section to be completed by Knights of Columbus officials*

**Scoring Instructions:** Essays will be judged on a 100-point scoring system.

**Content (35 points)** - How thoroughly is the topic examined?

**Grammar (30 points)** - How well is the essay written with respect to sentence and paragraph construction?

**Style (35 points)** - Does the essay show creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a logical and compelling style?

	Content- 35 points	Grammar- 30 points	Style- 35 points	Total Score



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