

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CHAPTER ESSAY CONTEST 2022-2023  
GRADES 8-12

1. ESSAY CONTEST KITS AND DOWNLABLE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SUPREME WEBSITE UNDER PROGRAMS/COMMUNITY
  
2. SET UP YOUR ESSAY CONTEST AT THE COUNCIL LEVEL
  
3. **2022-2023 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Theme:**

**This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith.**

**In an essay of 500- 750 words, explain how young Catholics can evangelize our faith to families and friends who have turned away from religion and encourage them to return to the Church and embrace the sacraments.**

*"Here on earth, it's impossible to perform a more meritorious act than visiting Jesus often in the Eucharist. If you took all of the good works done by all of the humans who have ever lived in all of history and stacked them all up and multiplied them by a million, they wouldn't equal the merit, the virtue, and the worth of one Mass. The Eucharistic sacrifice is Christ's infinite merit, infinite value." – St Teresa of Avila*

1. Essays must reflect the assigned theme and be the student's original work.
2. Essays must be typed and be between 500 and 750 words in length.
3. The student's name should appear only on the official Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest entry form, which must be stapled to the essay.
4. All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.
5. Judging will be based on content, grammar, and style.

4. SELECT YOUR FIRST PLACE WINNER AT THE COUNCIL LEVEL AND FORWARD THAT ESSAY TO:

Don Grishaw  
2372 Roseborough Ct.  
Turlock, CA 95382

5. ALL 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE COUNCIL LEVEL ESSAYS MUST BE **RECEIVED BY JANUARY 15, 2023** FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE CHAPTER LEVEL.

6. THE FIRST PLACE WINNER AT THE CHAPTER LEVEL WILL RECEIVE A CHECK FOR \$50 FROM THE CHAPTER AND THIS ESSAY WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED INTO THE STATE ESSAY CONTEST FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND AWARDS.

Many thanks in advance,

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# Catholic Citizenship

## Essay Contest

### Entry Form

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

8TH GRADE   
  9TH GRADE   
  10TH GRADE   
  11TH GRADE   
  12TH GRADE

COUNCIL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_

#### This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

Council No. \_\_\_\_\_

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. Parent or guardian must sign this form before entrant competes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

#### This Section To Be Completed Knights of Columbus Officials:

#### Score Sheet

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: A 100-point scoring system is used to determine winners. Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.

Competition Level	Content – 35 points	Grammar – 30 points	Style – 35 points
Council Total: _____			
District/Regional Total: _____			
Jurisdictional Total: _____			
International Level Total: _____			

(See other side for instructions)



## RULES

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## JUDGING

Judges (three or more) will be selected by the sponsoring Knights of Columbus council, assembly or circle. Council and/or assembly members, teachers, clergy, civil officials and/or members of the community may serve as judges.

A **100-point scoring system** will be used to determine the winner.

**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?

### Council's Contact Information

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**Email a copy of this document to: [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org)**  
*(Councils should also retain a copy of this completed form for their files)*