



## Community Programs Communication



### Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest provides young people the opportunity to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing, teaching them to be more connected to their community and faith. This year the essay theme will be **“Discuss the meaning of virtue and how you live and embody the virtue of Charity.”** This program is to involve young Catholics in grades 8 through 12 (public, private, and parochial schools) and instill in them religious and life-affirming values.

**In an essay of 500 – 750 words, consider the meaning of virtue and think about ways in which you exemplify the virtue of Charity to glorify and reflect the nature of God.** This could be at home with your families or in your communities, as you enrich the welfare of others. If your council is interested in helping to entice the minds of young people and connect them with their Catholic faith, please order the *Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Kit* through *Supplies Online* - the supply ordering portal available on *Officers Online*.

For more information about this program, please visit [www.kofc.org/essay](http://www.kofc.org/essay).

“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”

- **Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1822**