

Catholic Citizenship

Essay Contest

The Knights of Columbus in the Father Joseph J. Comyns Council (#9638) at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is pleased announce to the 2024 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.

All 8th grade students planning to attend a Catholic high school in Fall 2024 and who are either currently attending Our Lady of Perpetual Help School or parishioners at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church are invited to participate.

Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme: ***How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?*** Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

Participants are required to submit an entry form along with their essay and furnish written parental consent. Submissions will be sent to kc9638essay@gmail.com by 11:59pm EST on Friday, May 24, 2024.

The winner will be awarded a \$1000 scholarship.

For additional information contact: Benjamin Hung, benjaminwhung@gmail.com, 315-921-2543.

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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

COUNCIL NUMBER 9638

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

This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:	Council No. <u>9638</u>
<p>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.</p>	
Parent/Guardian	Date signed

This Section To Be Completed Knights of Columbus Officials:	Score Sheet
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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: _____			

RULES

Essays must reflect the assigned theme and be the student's original work.

Essays must be typed and be between 500 and 750 words in length.

The student's name should appear only on the official Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest entry form.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

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?

