**Participant Information**

The Bishop Ruocco Council will be conducting the Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest this fraternal year. The essay contest is a creative way encouraging young people to become citizens who are firmly grounded in the Faith.

**Eligibility**

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students – in public, private or parochial schools – in grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 during the current school year.

**Theme**

Students are encouraged to write a 500 to750 word essay on the following topic.

***Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?***

**Submission of Essays**

Students will submit their essays along with the **entry form** by October 31, 2025 to   
KofC Council 9275 Essay Contest, 70 Pond Street, Dunstable, MA 01824.

**Judging and Awards**

Judges will review essays at the council level in November.

Our council will be giving a monetary award to the winner of each grade level. Certificates are given to first place winners and certificates of participation all participants. Additional levels of judging of first place winners take place at the district, state, and international levels from December through June with awards and recognition given to winners at the state and international level.

**Entry Form**

Participants are required to furnish a written parental consent form which may be downloaded from the council website.

<https://knights9275.com>

Scroll down to locate **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** form.

You may contact the contest chairman Gene Bartos if you have questions at [gene.bartos@verizon.net](mailto:gene.bartos@verizon.net)