

2025 PRTL Junior High Oratory Contest Rules and Prompts

Rules:

1. **Grade Eligibility:** Must be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. Application and final draft typed speech must be submitted by noon on 10/24/2025 to juniorhighoratorycontest@gmail.com. Contestants must be present at the competition on Sunday, October 26th, 2025, 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.
2. Contestants must create an original speech based off of one of the prompts provided. Supporting evidence and arguments must be well researched. Quotes are permitted if cited.
3. **Please choose one of the following prompts:**
 - a. **Adoption (compared to abortion) is the most loving choice because...**
 - b. **What would you say to a mother who is hesitant to choose life; what points would you want to make to her?**
 - c. **Why is recognizing human dignity important and why should you fight for the lives of the unborn?**
 - d. **What scientific evidence supports the pro-life movement?**
 - e. **Why are pregnancy resource centers important for women choosing life?**
 - f. **What is a pro-life issue or topic you feel passionate about and would like to educate others about?**
4. Speech should be well rehearsed and presented in a compelling and appropriate manner. Memorization is not a requirement. No props please. A microphone and podium will be available.
5. Speeches should be 2-4 minutes in length.
6. Prizes for first, second, and third place winners as follows: \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place. The school who has the most participants (minimum of 3) will be awarded \$500 to go towards funding the 8th grade's March for Life trip. If the current 8th grade class is not intending on going, it can be used for the following year's trip to the March for Life or can be used towards other prolife efforts, education and encouragement. The latter will be discussed and approved by PRTL.