

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

ESSAY TOPIC FOR 2020

In an essay of 500-750 words, discuss how trusting in God during difficult times has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Consider especially times when it was a challenge to understand why something was happening. Consider also sharing any lessons about faith and hope you or someone you know has learned from this experience.

“Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with inexpressible and glorious joy” (1Peter 1:8)

- Essay must be attached to official entry form signed with parental approval. Do not have your name on the essay (for impartial judging purposes).
- Essays must reflect the assigned theme above and the student's own work.
- Essays must be typed and between 500 and 750 words in length.
- All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.
- All participants will be recognized with a certificate of participation.
- Council #14224 will acknowledge winners in each grade with cash prize and certificate.
- Council level winners will participate in the Massachusetts Council Essay Contest level for further prizes.
- **ESSAY IS DUE in Director of Religious Education Grades 8-12 Jake Thiringer's office by December 5, 2020.**

Questions? Contact Director of Religious Education Grades 8-12 Jake Thiringer at St. Mary's Parish or Council #14224 Knight Mitchell Liro (508 429-6098)

GOOD LUCK!! THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE!

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 14224

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. 14224

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

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, which must be stapled to the essay.

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?

Council's Contact Information

MITCHELL LIRO 429-6098

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