



## **Knights of Columbus**

### ***Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest***

**Bishop Robert E. Tracey Council 10080**

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#### **2023-2024 Essay Topic**

**How can the Church Evangelize in the Digital Age?** Pope St. Paul VI wrote:

"The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church."

#### **Rules and Regulations**

- The Knights of Columbus Essay Contest is open to all Catholic Students from public, private, parochial schools, or home school in **grades 8-12**.
- Each essay **must reflect the assigned theme** and be the student's original work.
- Each Essay **must be typed and contain between 500-750 words**.
- All Council submissions must have the Supreme Essay Participation Form 4208 attached and include the signature of the student and parent.
- One winning essay from each grade level will advance to the next level of competition.
- The student's name should only appear on the official entry form and not in the essay.

#### **Deadlines**

- September 1, 2023- Deadline to Order Essay Kits from the Supreme Council
- **November 15, 2023**- Deadline for Students to submit essays to their Councils
- December 5, 2023- Deadline for Councils to submit its winning essays to the Diocesan Administrators
- January 2, 2024- Deadline for Diocesan Administrators to State Community Director

#### **Judging**

Essay will be judged on a 100-point scoring system.

- 35 Points Content- How clearly is the theme presented?
- 30 Points Grammar- Does the essay reflect proper sentence and paragraph and utilize correct spelling?
- 35 Points Style- Does the essay show creativity, imagination, and development of the topic in a compelling style?

## **Awards**

- Council 10080 award winner in each grade level will receive a \$75.00 check.
- Diocesan winners in each grade level will receive a \$50.00 check.
- State winners in each grade level will receive a \$200.00 check.
- State winners will advance to the Knights of Columbus International Essay Contest.
- International winners in each grade level will receive \$300 and a framed certificate
- The Supreme Council will honor two essay runners-up in each grade level and each runner-up will receive \$100 and a framed certificate.

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

*Essays and Application with signatures can be scanned and emailed to [briancapone7@gmail.com](mailto:briancapone7@gmail.com) or mailed to Knights of Columbus Council 10080, St John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4727 McHugh Dr ,Zachary, LA 70791*

# 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.

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8TH GRADE

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9TH GRADE

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10TH GRADE

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11TH GRADE

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12TH GRADE

COUNCIL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** this same form must be used for the Council, District and Jurisdiction Competition – please be sure it is passed on accordingly.

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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Parent/Guardian

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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

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Councils should retain a copy of this completed form for their files