



## Knights of Columbus Hosted OLV 2024 Annual 8th Grade Student Essay Contest

Are YOU: In the 8th Grade? An Our Lady of Victory parishioner?

**ENTER and WIN!**

**Essay Theme:** *Unity is one of the core principles of the Knights of Columbus. In fact, our founder, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, made it the first principle. Knights are called upon to foster unity in their families, parishes, and communities. How do you foster unity in these places? Remember unity has more to do with promoting and maintaining relationships than it does with agreement.*



**Who may enter:** OLV parishioners in the 8th Grade at ANY school (including home-schooled)

**Submission period:** Saturday, January 27-Monday, February 12, 2024 (closes at Midnight)

**Submit your essay and any questions to:** [essay@olvnorthville.net](mailto:essay@olvnorthville.net)

**Formats:** Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or, if handwritten, scanned as PDF (.pdf)

**Word Count:** 500 words, maximum

**IMPORTANT** – In your email, include: Your name, school, grade (which is 8th, right?), the name of your parent(s), address, and telephone number.

### Essays will be judged on:

- Thorough examination of the theme • Style • Grammar, spelling, and composition

### PRIZES!



**1st Place: \$500** (\$250 cash and \$250 toward the charity of your choice)

**2nd Place: \$300** (\$150 cash and \$150 toward the charity of your choice)

**3rd Place: \$150** (\$75 cash and \$75 toward the charity of your choice)



**Note:** Submitted essays must be the sole and original creation of the declared contest participant. Essays once submitted become the property of OLV's Knights of Columbus. Winners will be notified the week of February 26 and asked to propose the charity of their choice when prizes are awarded. Winners and their families are invited to attend the KofC Rib Night Awards Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, March 5.

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### Check out these past contest winners and their chosen charities!

#### 2023 Winners

1. **Kyle Erfurt:** Brilliant Detroit
2. **Carley Cardenas:** Providing for Paws, Garden City
3. **Maxwell Mast:** Crossroads of Michigan, Detroit

#### 2021 Winners

1. **Christopher Cowden:** The Marfan foundation, Pt Washington, NY
2. **Reese Woloszyn:** Little Dresses for Africa, Rockwood, MI
3. **Raymond Laskey:** Wee Care – Right to Life, Livonia

#### 2022 Winners

1. **Abigail Bores:** Knights of Columbus, New Haven, CT
2. **Avery Faut:** Wounded Warrior Project, Topeka, KS
3. **Ireland Perttunen:** Gleaner's Food Bank, Detroit

#### 2020 Winners

1. **Grace Elyia:** Knights of Columbus Charities
2. **Michael Mallie:** Northville Civic Concern
3. **Nathan Pressler:** Food for the Poor