

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL #12354
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

The Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #12354 is proud to sponsor a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. The essay should be 500-750 words on the topic below. Students will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic. A \$50 Gift Card Prize will be awarded to the 1st place winner in each grade level.

2026 Essay Topic

"The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."

In 500-750 words, explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy's 1961 Inaugural address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation.

An entry form must accompany the essay. The essays must reflect the assigned theme and be the student's original work. The student's name should appear only on the official Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest entry form which must be stapled to the essay. Essays can be turned into the parish office, collection basket, to James Underwood on Wednesday night CFF, or directly to the St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus.

Essays must be turned in by 10/21/2026.

Any questions about this program please contact:
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