

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 _____

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.

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 or submitted through the online link in a single pdf file.

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

2025 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

The deadline to submit your Essay is November 10, 2025. Upon completion, submit to corpuschristikofc.org The 2025 topic is:

Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?