

# CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Encourage youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. Open to all qualifying Catholic students.

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** (public, private, parochial or home schools during the current school year) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. The essay should be 500-750 words on the specific topic, changing every other year. Entrants 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.

Pope St. Paul VI wrote: "The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church."

In an essay of 500-750 words: **How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?**

*In Biblical times, the only way to "carry" good news was to bring it physically, walking from one place to another. Technological advances, however, have opened up numerous additional communication channels, all of which we can use to amplify the rate at which we spread the Word. - Romans 10:14-15*

- Essay must be submitted with Catholic Citizenship Essay entry form. (Be sure to include the council number.)
- Judging:
  - Content - 35 points (How clearly is the theme presented?)
  - Grammar - 30 points
  - Style - 35 points
- Due Date: Submit council winners in each grade category no later than January 15, 2024.
- Submit winning essays to: Michael Tully  
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