

# Essay Contest

Discuss the meaning of Virtue and how you live and how live and embody the virtue of Charity

## Entry Form *To be completed by entrant*

I wish to enter the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST in the division checked below.  
I realize that my entry becomes the property of the Knights of Columbus.

8th Grade     9th Grade    10th Grade     11th Grade   

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Name of Entrant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State/Province

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Entrant

### THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

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.

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Witness

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Father/Guardian

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Guardian

## Score Sheet

*This section to be completed by Knights of Columbus officials*

**Scoring Instructions:** Essays will be judged on a 100-point scoring system.

**Overall Impression (20 points)** – How well does the essay read while tying in the topic?

**Content (30 points)** - How thoroughly is the topic examined?

**Grammar (20 points)** - How well is the essay written with respect to sentence and paragraph construction?

**Style (30 points)** - Does the essay show creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a logical and compelling style?

Overall Impression- 20 points	Content- 30 points	Grammar- 20 points	Style- 30 points	Total Score



The theme of the essay contest is “Discuss the meaning of Virtue and how you live and how live and embody the virtue of Charity?” The Contest opens the doors of young minds, enabling the entrants to be creative, thoughtful and introspective in their work. There will be a winner at each grade level (8-11) who will receive a \$250 one-time scholarship to Father McGivney Catholic High School.

As Catholics we are called to participate in the discipleship. This can be difficult at times because our beliefs are often misunderstood and unpopular. Also, laws and regulations from our governments can be contrary to our beliefs and threaten to force us to violate our conscience.

To enter, please compile an essay reflecting this year’s theme: “Discuss the meaning of Virtue and how you live and how live and embody the virtue of Charity?” This essay must be your original work, must be typed on 8 ½” x 11” paper, one sided, double spaced, with one-inch margins. The essay must be between 500 and 750 words long and must address the following: Describe how your family keeps it catholic faith alive. The student’s name should appear only on the official Knights of Columbus Essay Contest entry form which should be stapled to the essay.

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