

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

2017

GOAL

The goal of the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is to give students an opportunity to define the role of a Catholic citizen in many different scenarios, and to strengthen the bond between the Knights of Columbus and local schools.

ELIGIBILITY

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students – in public, private or parochial schools – in grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 during the current school year.

THEME

The theme of the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest will be distributed each fraternal year. The theme of this year's contest is "**Going to the Peripheries**". The contest opens the doors of young minds, enabling the entrants to be creative, thoughtful and introspective in their work.

"Through his Incarnation, the Lord has united himself forever with suffering humanity — not as an abstraction, but throughout history with each suffering person. Jesus is already at the peripheries. The question for us is whether He will be there alone or whether His disciples will be there with Him." - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

Discuss the role of the Catholic Church going to the peripheries, then select one of the following ideas to complete your essay:

- a) Describe the work of one widely known current Catholic who went to the periphery.
- b) Describe the work of one widely known historical Catholic who went to the periphery.
- c) Describe the work of one person in your life, who helps alleviate human suffering.

GUIDELINES

- Essays must reflect the assigned theme and be the student's original work.
- Essays must be typed, one-sided, double-spaced, 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.
- All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

TIMELINE

Councils must submit their winners to their District Deputy no later than 12/31.