

The theme of the essay 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. 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: “Going to the Peripheries.” 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 one of the following: Describe the work of one widely known current Catholic who went the periphery; Describe the work of one widely known historical Catholic who went the periphery; Describe the work of one person in your life, who helps alleviate human suffering. 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.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

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 12th Grade

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.

Witness

Father/Guardian

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.

Content (35 points) - How thoroughly is the topic examined?

Grammar (30 points) - How well is the essay written with respect to sentence and paragraph construction?

Style (35 points) - Does the essay show creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a logical and compelling style?

	Content- 35 points	Grammar- 30 points	Style- 35 points	Total Score



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