

Essay Contest

All councils and assemblies are encouraged to sponsor the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest at schools in their communities. The 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, and is a creative way to encourage young people to become citizens who are firmly grounded in their faith.

This year's theme 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

Essay Contest Theme:

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.

First place winners at Supreme level will receive a check for \$300, and two runners-up for each grade level will receive \$100, awarded by Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.

Awards at Council, District, Regional and Ontario State level are determined by those officials.
Timetable

May/June Councils, assemblies order Knights of Columbus Essay Contest Kits from the Supreme Council Office. (Print Version - Online Version)

June thru September: Councils, assemblies contact schools to secure cooperation. At this time the date, place and means of recognizing winners should be determined.

July - September: Students write essays. Essays should be submitted to Council judges by September 30.

October: Judges review essays for council level.

November: Judges review essays for regional and or state level.

December: State champion essays submitted to Supreme for international judging by December 15