



## Knights of Columbus 2019 Catholic Citizenship Essay Guidelines

### 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.

### Guidelines

- Essays must reflect the assigned theme and topic, and submitted by the published deadline.
- Essays must be the student's original work.
- Essay must be typed on 8 1/2" X 11" paper, one sided, double spaced, with one-inch margins.
- Essays must be between 500 – 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.**
- Send essay and the official Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest entry form **by October 15<sup>th</sup>** to:

**Mail:** Sam Gonzalez                      or                      **Email:** Gonzalezsam29@gmail.com  
84 Bradford Circle  
Sugar Land, Tx. 77479

**Or drop your essay off at the church office**

### Theme: **Discuss the meaning of Virtue and how you live and embody the virtue of Charity.**

"Charity is the theological virtue which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1822

Biblically, virtue is understood as the conformity of life and conduct with the principles of morality, while Charity signifies the reciprocal love between God and man, one that is manifest in unselfish love and eloquently shown in the life, teachings, and death of Jesus Christ. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

**In an essay of 500-750 words, consider the meaning of virtue and think about ways in which you exemplify the virtue of Charity to glorify and reflect the nature of God. This could be at home with your families or in your communities, as you enrich the welfare of others.**

### Contest Levels & Awards:

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

#### Council Level – KC 4204 Sugar Land

- Certificates for first, second and third place winners in each grade
- **\$50<sup>00</sup>** to all first place winners in **each grade**
- First place assays will automatically be forward to the next contest level: District, State, and International.

#### International Level

There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> place winner and 2 runner up winners for each grade level.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - **\$300**
- Runner ups - **\$100**

### Notifications

- The winners at the council level will be notified by a representative of Knights of Columbus #4204 in November.
- The winners at the International Level will be notified by the Knights of Columbus State Deputy in February 2019.