



**Knights of Columbus
Council #3428
North Arlington, NJ**



The 2023 - 2024 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Open to Grades 8 to 12 Students in Parochial, Public, or Private Schools

Pope St. Paul VI wrote: “The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church.”

In Biblical times, the only way to “carry” good news was to bring it physically, walking from one place to another. Technological advances, however, have opened up numerous additional communication channels, all of which we can use to expand and speed up the rate at which we spread the Word.

THEME: How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?

GUIDELINES:

- Essays must reflect the assigned theme and be the student's original work.
- Essays must be **typed on 8½” x 11” paper, one sided, double spaced with 1 inch margins, and be between 500 and 750 words in length.**
- The student's name should appear only on the official entry form, which must be stapled to the essay.
- **All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.**



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JUDGING: Essays will be judged on a 100 point scoring system.

35 points for Content - How clearly is the theme presented?

30 points for Grammar - How well is the essay written with respect to proper sentence structure and paragraph construction, and correct spelling?

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

PRIZES: The First Place Winner in each Grade Level will get a \$50 Visa Gift Card, and the 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each Grade Level will each receive a \$25 Visa Gift Card.

SIGN-UPS: Please fill out the entry form, have your Parent/ Guardian sign it, and staple it to your essay when you hand it in.

DEADLINE: All Essays are due by **Thursday, October 12, 2023** and can be dropped off at the **Columbian Club Hall, 194 River Road, North Arlington** by 7:00pm.

For further information, please call 201-988-0183.