



**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS**  
**ESSAY CONTEST**  
*Our Catholic Faith*

**Entry Form - Deadline: February 14, 2016**

*To be completed by entrant*

I wish to enter the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST in my grade division.

**Each entrant must write an essay answering the topic question of his/her grade division listed here:**

- K-1<sup>st</sup> grades = "What does it mean to be Catholic?"**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades = "What are the duties of a Catholic in the family?"**
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades = "What are the duties of a Catholic in my neighborhood?"**
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grades = "What does it mean to be a responsible Catholic?"**
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade = "The Responsibility of the Catholic citizen in a free society"**

**Essays must be handwritten legibly in ink or typed with double-spacing, and contain the number of words below per grade level:**

**K - 1<sup>st</sup> grade:** 60 - 250 words    **2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades:** 125-250 words    **4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades:** 250-500 words

**Mark your grade division in the box below.** By signing below, I realize that my entry becomes the property of the Knights of Columbus and it will not be returned.

K - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade     2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade     4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade     6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade     8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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 Name of Entrant Date of Birth

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 Street Address

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 City State/Province Postal Code

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 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 ESSAY CONTEST on "Our Catholic Faith: The Culture of Life" 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.

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 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.

**Overall Impression (20 points)** - How well does the essay describe the role of a Catholic in society?

**Content (40 points)** - How clearly is the theme presented?

**Grammar/style (40 points)** - How well is the essay written with respect to sentence and paragraph construction, spelling, creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a logical and compelling style?

Overall Impression - 20 points	Content - 40 points	Grammar/Style - 40 points	Total Score