

2017 PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST
Diocese of Grand Island

DATES OF CONTEST: January 27 - March 24, 2017

THOSE ELIGIBLE: Students in Grades 7-11

RULES:

- Entries should be **typed** and be 300-400 words—printed on only one side of paper.
- Essays over 400 words will be disqualified.
- Do **NOT** include name, etc. on the **FRONT** of the essays as they will be photocopied and given to the judges. If a name is on the front, the essay will be disqualified.
- Plagiarism disqualifies an entry; all quotations and usage of facts must be cited.
- First place winners' entries will also be submitted to the Knights of Columbus state-wide contest which will be judged separately and awarded in the fall.

PRIZES: \$40 First prize and award certificate for each grade level
 \$30 Second prize and award certificate for each grade level
 \$20 Third prize and award certificate for each grade level

THEME: “Some pro-abortion advocates suggest the pro-life movement is simply about people imposing their faith or values on someone else. This criticism, however, fails to recognize the scientific breakthroughs supporting the case for Life. Explain how developments in science strengthen the pro-life argument.”

JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Understanding the particular pro-life message
2. Clarity and persuasiveness in communicating this message
3. Creativity and originality
4. Grammar and spelling

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES:

Each teacher is asked to SUBMIT **ONLY the top 2 or 3 entries** from his/her classroom. Below is the identification form to be **taped** on the **back** of each entry. (Entries without this information will be disqualified.) Winners will be notified by mail.

Entries must be submitted or postmarked by March 24, 2017 to:

**Fr. Sid Bruggeman
505 Spruce Street
St. Libory, NE 68872**

NAME _____ GRADE _____

TEACHER _____

NAME of SCHOOL or PARISH CCD _____

PARENTS' NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____