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Pro-Life Student Essay Contest

Who is Eligible? Students, grades 9-11.

Submission Dates: January 22 – March 25

Entries received after March 25 will not be eligible.

Entries Must Be:

1. 300-400 words
2. Typed
3. Printed single side

Plagiarism disqualifies an entry; all quotations and usage of facts must be cited.

Submission Directions:

1. Do not include names or any other form of identification on the actual essay.
2. Print, complete, and attach the identification form found on the next page to the back of each entry. *Entries without this form will be disqualified.*
3. Mail to: Respect Life Apostolate, Nazareth Hall, 3300 N 60th St, Omaha, NE 68104

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

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

Writing Prompt: In a homily in Baltimore, Maryland, Pope St. John Paul II quoted the Gospel of John in which Jesus told His disciples, “You will know the truth and the truth will make you free.” (Jn. 8:32.) The Pope went on to say, “Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists *not* in doing what we like, but in *having the right to do what we ought.*” If freedom is having the right to do what we ought, does *Roe v. Wade*, which said that mothers have the *right* to abort their children, make our country more free or less? Why?

Prizes for Each Grade Level:

\$40 First prize and award certificate. Essay will be published on the Catholic Voice website.

\$30 Second prize and award certificate

\$20 Third prize and award certificate

Winners will be notified by email and mail. 1st place entries will be submitted to the Knights of Columbus statewide contest which will be judged separately and awarded in the fall.

Instructions for Teachers: Submit no more than 3 entries from your classroom or from each section of a particular class.

Print legibly and attach the form below to the back of each entry

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Parish/Town: _____

Teacher: _____ Teacher Email or Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____