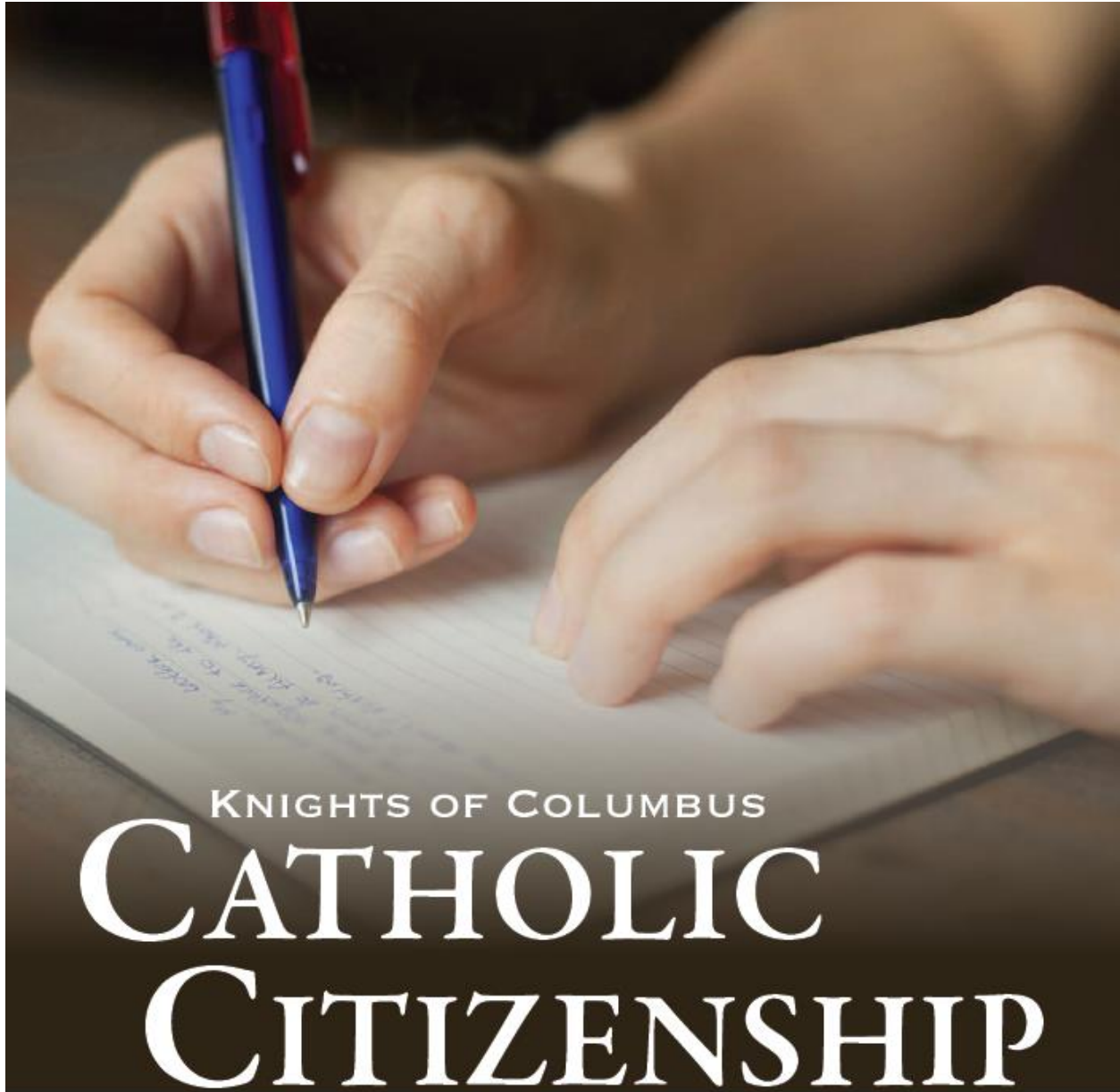


A COUNCILS GUIDE



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP



ESSAY CONTEST

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Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

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Is your council looking for a program that can be done that fits into the state guidelines for this pandemic we're in right now? Here is one that almost runs itself. The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest can be done with little to no contact with the students. Contact your youth director at your parish and see if they can fit this into one of their lessons for the fall. This year, we will accept electronic copies of the essays and entry forms. The entry form can be found on the Supreme website as well as through links from our State website. This is a program that runs in the fall right when school starts. Essays need to be written and sent in before the end of September.

We had very few entries in past years, and we really need to promote this program. If we start the kids off on the right foot by writing about their faith, it's a lot easier to keep them in the faith when they become young adults and go to college, get married, and start families of their own.

The 1st place winner from each age group 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade will receive a \$100 check along with a custom award plaque printed with the winner's name, grade, and council. If you need help finding the materials or getting started, please contact any of the following:

- Program Chair Tom Jirele tomjirele@hotmail.com (507) 213-9765
- Community Director Randy Balauskysky rbalauskysky@gmail.com (507) 213-9862
- Program Director Joe George joe.george.9905@gmail.com (651) 253-3112

Any one of us can help you get started with a very successful program.

The topic for the 2020-2021 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest has been posted to the Supreme website. Here is the link to the correct page.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/community/catholic-essay-topic-2020.html>

On that page you will find the topic for this fraternal year. It reads as follows:

In an essay of 500-750 words, discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Consider especially those times when it was a challenge to understand why something was happening. Consider also sharing any lessons about faith and hope you or someone you know may have learned from this experience.

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy" (1 Peter 1:8).

As a reminder, make sure that your council is youth protection trained and you have submitted your Form 365 with names entered for Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director. These are the positions that need to be youth protection trained and the Family Director and Community Director need background checks.

Thanks for all you do for the Knights.

If you have any questions about programs or Faith in Action, please feel free to contact me.

"Faith in the Family brings Life to the Community"

God Bless! Remember, "See a Need, Fill a Need." Vivat Jesus!

Deadline dates for Contest:

12/18/20 - Essays received by the District to judge

1/15/21 - Winning District Essays to be received by the State for Judging

2/14/21 - Winning State Essays to be received by Supreme

Links to Information and forms needed

[2020-2021 topic](#)

[Entry form #4208](#) (judging criteria)

[Guild Sheet #10614](#)

[Guild Book #4202-EA](#)