2019-20 RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES

Students in Grades 1-8 are to write an original one-page essay (no longer than 500 words), discussing ONE of the two reflections and questions provided. Essays may be hand-written or typed. For grades 1-2, drawings may be included.

NEW: High School students can provide essays, poetry, video or painting submissions. If they choose an essay, it should be no longer than two pages and should be typed. Videos should be no longer than 7 minutes and uploaded on Youtube. For youtube submissions you can email the link with the student’s name, address, phone number, grade, school, teacher, and school’s address and phone number to: lifeanddignity@sfarch.org. Poetry should be no longer than one page and painting should be no larger than one 16x20 canvas.

Essays will be judged on the student’s ability to articulate his or her understanding of the issues, the message of the Catholic Church in relation to those issues, his or her own personal commitment to implementing the Church’s message and creativity.

Please send All essays and entries to: Respect Life Program Office of Human Life & Dignity Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109

Essays should be postmarked by October 31st, 2019.

Do not put the name of the student on the front of the essay. Attach to the back of the essay---on the form provided---the name of the student, student's address, telephone number, grade, school, teacher, school address & school telephone number. Please print as legibly as possible so names on awards certificates will be accurate. If the teacher or student would like a copy of the essay, please copy before mailing. Due to the number of essays received, we are not able to photocopy or return copies of essays.

Categories of Judging
Grades 1-2 Grand Prize $50
First Prize $ 25 - one awarded in each County
Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved
Grades 3-4 Grand Prize $100
First Prize $ 50 - one awarded in each County
Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved
Grades 5-6 Grand Prize $150
First Prize $ 75 - one awarded in each County Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved
Grades 7-8 Grand Prize $200
First Prize $100 - one awarded in each County
Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved
Grades 9-12 Grand Prize $250
First Prize $100 - one awarded in each County
Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved

On Monday, January 13, 2020, winners will be posted at sfarch.org/essay-contest. A Special Mass and Awards Ceremony with Reception will be held in early 2020, the date and time will be determined closer to the date and it will be posted on our website sfarch.org/essay-contest.