

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.