Diocese of Lafayette
Office of Pro-Life Apostolate

PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST
February 10, 2021
FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Location: Diocese of Lafayette – Immaculata Center – 1408 Carmel Dr. – Lafayette, LA 70501-5215
(Enter through the east side of the building because the front door is locked in the evening.)

USCCB 2020-2021 Respect Life Theme:

Local Coordinator: Trista Littell, Program Coordinator, Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Pro-Life Apostolate
Date/Time: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
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Topics (Choose One):
- The Tragedy of Abortion
- The Tragedy of Euthanasia,
- The Tragedy of Infanticide
- The Tragedy of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

What:
5–7 minute speech (Must not be less than 5 minutes and does not have to be memorized). Note cards acceptable.

No props allowed.

Who:
Must be high school junior or senior to participate

How:
Complete Registration Form and Image Waiver Form and return to address noted.

Judging Criteria:
(Panel of three judges)
+ Clear thesis and sense of direction in the speech
+ Speech should be logical, clear and organized
+ General sense of confidence/good word usage
+ Good eye contact and fluent delivery

LOCAL CONTEST:
Lafayette, Louisiana – February 10, 2021 (Wednesday)
Prize: $250 Check - Winner participates in State Oratory Contest

STATE FINALS:
Knights of Columbus State Convention – (TBA)
First Place Prize: $500 cash, + all expense paid trip with parent/guardian (up to $1,000) to Nat’l. Competition
Second Place Prize: $250 Cash

NATIONAL FINALS:
National Right to Life Convention – (TBA)
First Place Prize: $1,000
Second Place Prize: $750

Suggestions:
• Research and understand your subject; your speech will reflect your efforts.
• Believe in what you are saying; speak with enthusiasm, but maintain your poise.
• Be creative; the judges are interested in hearing YOUR point of view.
• Practice your speech in front of others, and invite constructive criticism in order to perfect your content and delivery.
• Keep in mind the judging criteria when practicing and giving your speech:
  + Does the introduction make the audience want to hear more and does it have a clear thesis?
  + Is each point relevant to the topic and substantiated with current documentation?
  + Are the facts and figures used current? Does it have a logical, clear organization?
  + Does it send a pro-life message? Does the conclusion sum up the main points of the speech?
• Dress appropriately (dress shirt and slacks for men, and a dress or nice pant suit for women).

Keep the top portion of this form. The bottom portion is the entry form and must be completed and returned by February 3, 2021 with Use of Image Waiver Form.

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PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Student’s Name ___________________________ Social Security Number ___________________________
E-Mail Address ___________________________

Address/City/State/Zip ______________________________ Must be High School Jr. or Sr.

Telephone: (please include area code) __________________ Cell: __________ Age __________ Grade ___________

Parent’s Names: ___________________________ School: __________________ Topic: ___________________________

School’s Address/City/State/Zip ___________________________

Student’s Signature ___________________________ Parent Signature ___________________________

Completed Registration Form must be returned by February 3, 2021 to:
Trista Littell - Diocese of Lafayette - Office of Pro Life Apostolate - 1408 Carmel Dr. - Lafayette, LA 70501-5215