



DIOCESE OF GRAND ISLAND

Pro-Life Office

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2021 PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Students (Grades 7-11)

SUBMISSION DATES: January 22 – March 25, 2021

Theme: On Building a Culture of Life in the New Public Square—Social Media

We are called to courageously evangelize the world in our daily interactions. As technology and communication evolve, so too should the way we bring others to Christ. Social media is powerful platform in the public square, where billions of people interact with each other and ideas. Considering how quickly technology and culture is evolving, how can the pro-life generation (your generation) use social media to build a culture of life, and bring the Gospel into the public square?

RULES AND SUBMISSION DIRECTIONS:

1. Your entry should be typed, 300-400 words in length, and printed only on the front side.
2. Your entry should include a title and be broken into paragraphs. Good composition and organization increase persuasive power.
3. Do not include your name on the front of your essay, as each essay will be photocopied and given to the judges. **Instead, print off and scotch tape the COMPLETED identification form (found at the end of these instructions) to the back of your essay.**
4. Plagiarism disqualifies an entry. All quotations and usage of facts must be cited.
5. Any violation of the rules and submission directions shall disqualify an entry.
6. **Teachers are NOT allowed to submit more than 3 entries per grade per parish/school. If more than 3 entries are submitted, they will be returned.**

JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

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

DIOCESAN PRIZES FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL:

\$40 First prize and award certificate

\$30 Second prize and award certificate

\$20 Third prize and award certificate

Winners will be notified by email and/or mail. The winning Essay's will also be posted in bi-monthly PL Notes (mailed to all PL contacts in the Diocese) and/or on our PL web page. **1st place entries from each grade will be submitted to the Nebraska Catholic Conference for the state contest.**



CUT the identification portion below and **scotch tape to the back of the entry**. Please print legibly.

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TODAY'S DATE: _____

STUDENTS NAME: _____ **AGE:** _____ **GRADE:** _____

SUBMITTED BY (NAME OF SCHOOL OR PARISH):

NAME: _____ **CITY:** _____

APPLICANTS PARISH (NAME & TOWN):

TEACHER'S CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ **EMAIL:** _____ **PHONE:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ **EMAIL:** _____ **PHONE:** _____

CITY/STATE: _____ **ZIP:** _____

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