



Catholic Diocese of Lexington
Diocesan Respect Life Contest 2019

“Jesus is Our Hope in Every Season of Life”

For Grades Pre-K-2 the theme is Jesus Loves All of His People”

RULES

The contest begins on September 5th and ends on October 15th. The contest is open to schools, parish religious education programs, home school students and youth groups. Students with special needs are encouraged to participate.

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES FROM EACH SCHOOL OR PARISH.

There are four divisions this year: Division 1: K-2, Division 2: 3-5, Division 3: 6-8. Division 4: 9-12. Each school, religious education program and youth group may submit entries in each category. Students must choose one category in which to compete. Home schooled students or those whose school or parish is not participating in the contest may submit an entry in only one category based on grade division.

All entries must be attached to the registration form, must be received in the Respect Life Office by October 15, 2019. Please note that the registration form must be signed by a parent or guardian.

The contest is designed to educate and provide a platform for youth to express and share their feelings on Respect Life issues that promote the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Entries should reflect the joy of life and the positive aspects of respect for all human life.

Awards: First and second place prizes will be awarded in each age Division. First place winners will have their work published in the Cross Roads and will also receive a \$50 cash prize. Second place winners will receive recognition in Cross Roads as well as a \$25 cash prize. Awards will be announced to principals and teachers of the winning students by email on or before October 22nd. Winning students will be invited to attend the Respect Life Mass at 6:30pm on October 30, 2019 at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish in Lexington and receive their awards from Bishop John Stowe.

Questions or clarifications should be directed to Peggy in the Respect Life Office. You may email psheiko@cdlex.org or call 859-253-1993 x 268.

All entries must be accompanied by the registration form. There will be no exceptions granted to the rules.

Multimedia: (Bookmark, poster- no larger than Division 1: Grades K-2, Division 2: Grades 3-5, Division 3: Grades 6-8, Division 4: Grades 9-12. One overall first place and one second place prize will be awarded in each division.

Creative Writing: (poetry, short story, essay) Division 3: Grades 6-8, Division 4: Grades 9-12.

ALL ENTRIES BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON RESPECT LIFE OFFICE.

If you have questions or need clarification, please email Peggy at psheiko@cdlex.org.

Respect Life Contest 2019 **Theme: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life – Grades 3-12**

Jesus Loves All of His People – Grades Pre-K-2

Program Guidelines:

ALL ENTRIES MUST WITNESS TO THE DIGNITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE. While we know that animals and plants are living things, October is about human life. Entries that do not meet the criteria will be disqualified.

Multi-Media: Division 1: Grades Pre-K-2, Division 2: Grades 3-5, Division 3: Grades 6-8, Division 4: Grades 9 -12 Categories below:

Bookmark Design: All grades. **Note: Alternate theme for Pre-K-2. Bookmark template must be used.**

Poster: All grades. **Note: Alternate theme for Grades Pre-K-2.** All entries must be unpublished **original** works, at least **8 ½” X 11” and no more than 18” X 24”**. Posters should convey the theme and promote the **dignity and respect for all human life.**

Photography: Grades 6-12. The photo must be a **color or black and white photo taken only by the contestant.** Professional portrait studio prints will be disqualified. **Please submit entry with photo form and video/photo release on the back.**

Video Clip Design: Grades 6-12. Please submit a video no more than 4 minutes long. The filming, audio and editing of the video should all be the student’s original work. Videos should express what it means personally to promote a culture of life as a positive witness to the dignity of all **human life.** **All videos must relate to the theme of Respect Life Month “Christ Our Hope in All Seasons of Life”** Power Point presentations, slide shows of photos or other peoples’ videos will not be accepted. **Please submit entry with video/photo release for all persons in the video.** Please note: winners should be ready to submit their video to the Respect Life Office in a web-ready format, according to the specifications of **YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/t/creators_corner.** **All copyright rules must be observed.**

CREATIVE WRITING: (poetry, short story, essay) Grades 6-8 and 9-12.

All contest material will be available on the diocesan website

Cash awards are given for first and second place winners for all levels in each category.

First place winners receive \$50.00

Second place winners receive \$25.00

Please feel free to use this information for your bulletin.

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