



Fall 2020 Stand up for Life Essay Contest



Sponsored jointly by the St. Cornelius Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus

Grades 6-8
Cash Prizes:
1st place: \$75
2nd place: \$50
3rd place: \$25

Theme: **“Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman.”**

As a follower of Christ, how would you explain this theme? Why is it a very important and highly relevant theme? This theme allows the writer to be creative.

Rules for essay submission:

Each essay must be the original work of the student. All sources must be cited by the writer.

Names and photographs of participants may be published in any news outlet including, but not limited to the St. Cornelius Yearbook, weekly bulletins, weekly emails, St. Cornelius social media outlets, Knights of Columbus communications and advertisements, Parish Prep Program emails, and any Chester County Pro-Life Communications, and Catholic Philly News. By submitting your essay, parent(s) and guardian(s) are agreeing to all rules of the contest.

The theme, must be developed in 250-500. All essays must be typed on one side of the page.

The judging is anonymous. To ensure anonymity please submit the essay as follows:

Create a cover page with the following things listed:

1. Full name of student
2. Grade
3. School or Prep Program Student
4. Title of your essay
5. Address
6. Telephone number and email address of parent or guardian to contact to notify winners
7. The essay and cover sheet shall be secured by a paper clip – please do not use staples to attach the cover sheet to the essay
8. All original entries may be dropped off by hand at the Parish Life Center during normal business hours between **October 4 to November 2** **No entries submitted by hand after 3:00 pm on November 2 will be accepted.** All mailed entries must be **postmarked on or before October 26** and clearly marked: “St. Cornelius Knights of Columbus Essay Contest” on the addressee portion of the envelope.
9. Winners will be announced in November.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. THEME DEVELOPMENT, ORIGINALITY AND IMAGINATION 40 points
2. USE AND ACCURACY OF REFERENCES 10 points
3. CLARITY OF EXPRESSION 25 points
4. GRAMMAR, SPELLING 10 points
5. CONCLUSION 15 points