



Diocese of Allentown

Stand Up For Life



Essay Contest 2018-2019

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THE OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

The *Stand Up For Life Essay* contest is a voluntary contest open to all students in grades seven through twelve in public and private schools in the Allentown Diocese, as well as home-schooled students at those grade levels.

Four winners will be chosen in each deanery, a first and second place winner in each division. From these deanery winners the top four essays will be chosen and the winners awarded the following prizes:

JUNIOR DIVISION
(Grades 7 and 8)

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1 st prize	\$125
2 nd prize	\$ 75

All winners and their parents will be honored at an awards ceremony on January 13, 2019.

Junior Division Grades 7 and 8

Every Life Cherished.Chosen.Sent



The USCCB Respect Life theme for 2018 is *Every Life Cherished.Chosen.Sent*. “We are cherished, chosen, and sent by God to love one another as He loves us. In doing so, we help build a culture that cherishes all human life. Building a culture of life is simply part of *who we are* as Christians, as followers of Christ.” *USCCB*

As a follower of Christ, how would you explain this theme? Provide some concrete examples of ways you can personally influence and build a culture of life at school, your parish and among your family and friends

ESSAY RULES FOR THEME DEVELOPMENT

1. Each essay must be the original work of the student and it shall not have been submitted in any other contest for publication.
2. The theme, covering all points, *must be developed* in no longer than 800 words.
3. The essay must be neatly written or typed on only one side of the paper.
4. The judges are not to know the names of the writers. Therefore, the name of the student and all other identifying information should not appear on the essay. Instead, the essay should be accompanied by a cover sheet, (sample attached) which includes the student's name, address, telephone number, school/parish, and grade. The essay and cover sheet shall be secured by a paper clip – please do not use staples to attach the cover sheet.

All original entries shall be forwarded to the following deanery coordinators* in time to reach them by *November 2, 2018*:

BERKS: **Len Weckel**
570 Guilden Road
Blandon, PA 19510
610-926-3731

NORTHAMPTON: **Leonard Verrastro**
2719 Clermont St.
Bethlehem, PA 18017
610-691-5698

LEHIGH: **Rev. Andrew Torma**
3300 Station Ave.
Center Valley, PA 18034
630-862-0979

**SCHUYLKILL/
CARBON:** **Ed Tray**
110 S. Nicholas St.
St. Clair, PA 17970
570-429-0088

** Your deanery is the county in which the school / parish is located, not where the student resides.*

JUDGING CRITERIA:

The judges shall select the winners based on the following:

THEME DEVELOPMENT*	40
ORIGINALITY AND IMAGINATION	20
<u>USE AND ACCURACY</u> OF REFERENCES	10
CLARITY OF EXPRESSION	10
GRAMMAR, SPELLING, AND NEATNESS	10
CONCLUSION (“I” Statements)	10

*The author developed the essay theme, covering each point, so that the message is communicated to the reader in logical, clear, and concise terms, sentences, and paragraphs.