



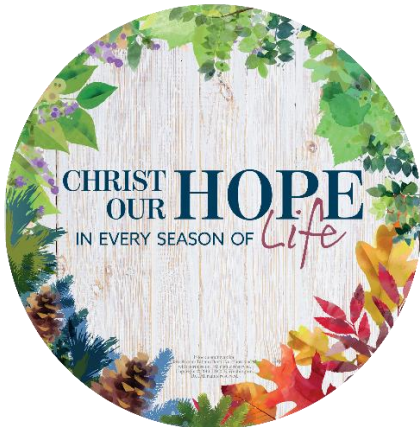
Because I am Catholic.
I STAND UP FOR LIFE.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Diocese of Allentown's Office of Pro-Life Activities

Annual "Stand up for Life" Essay Contest 2019-2020 ***Junior Division Grades 7 and 8***

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 at an awards banquet in January: 1st prize \$125 2nd prize \$ 75



Christ our Hope: In Every Season of Life

October is considered "Respect Life Month." The theme for 2019 is "Christ our Hope: In Every Season of Life."

As a young disciple of Jesus Christ, how would you explain this theme and how do you live this theme in your daily life? 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. Incorporate the following into your essay:

- "Hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm." Hebrews 6:18-19
- "Because I am Catholic, I stand up for life."

Essay Rules & 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 **December 2, 2019**:

BERKS:	Len Weckel 570 Guilden Road Blandon, PA 19510 610-926-3731	NORTHAMPTON:	Leonard Verraastro 2719 Clermont St. Bethlehem, PA 18017 610-691-5698
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****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.

