

Stand Up for Life Essay and Poster Contest

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

Junior Division Grades: 1-4

Senior Division: Grades 5-8

Awards:

3 awards of \$50 for Junior Division Winners.

3 awards of \$50 for Senior Division Winners.

Awards may be for either an essay or a poster. Students may submit an entry for both contests.

Winners will be notified by Tuesday, April 30.

Stand Up for Life Essay Contest

Junior Division Theme: “Every human being is a creation of God.”

Every human being is created by God in His image and likeness. God formed us in the womb of our mother. We are sacred, unique and precious from the very beginning until the end of our natural life. Why is life special? Discuss ways in which you can share this message with others in your school, home, parish and community. Use specific examples in your discussion. Stick to the theme.

Senior Division Theme: “Every Life Cherished. Chosen. Sent.”

We are cherished, chosen, and sent by God to love one another as He loves us. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God. How can 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. Provide some real examples of ways you can become a missionary for the Gospel of life, influencing others and building a culture of life at your school, parish and among your family and friends. What will you do? Stick to the theme.

Rules for essay submission:

1. Each essay must be the original work of the student.
2. Names and photographs of participants may be published in any news outlet including, but not limited to, the St. Cornelius Yearbook, bulletin, parish weekly emails, social media, Knights of Columbus communications, Chester County Pro-Life Coalition communications, and Catholic Philly News. By submitting your essay, parent(s) and guardian(s) agree to all rules of the contest.
3. The theme, covering all points, must be developed in 450 words or less. All essays must be neatly written or typed on one side of the page.
4. Judging is anonymous. To ensure anonymity please submit the essay as follows: Create a cover page (to be paper-clipped to the essay) with the following 6 things listed on it:
 1. Name.
 2. Grade.
 3. School or Prep.
 4. Phone Number.
 5. A RANDOM 6 DIGIT NUMBER followed by the FIRST 3 letters of your FIRST NAME followed by the FIRST letter of your LAST NAME (For example: 298431JOHS for a submission by John Smith). This number should be written on the cover page AND on the back bottom right corner of the last page.
 6. Home address of parent or guardian to notify winners.

All entries may be dropped off at the PLC during normal business hours between March 12 and April 12. For essays dropped off at the PLC please submit your paper in an envelope labelled: "St. Cornelius Pro-Life Essay Contest." School students may give submissions to their teacher. Prep students may give submissions to Jennifer Swetland or leave with their Prep teacher during regular class time. Entries received after 3 pm on April 12 will NOT be accepted.

ESSAY JUDGING CRITERIA:

- THEME DEVELOPMENT, ORIGINALITY, IMAGINATION 40 points
- USE, ACCURACY OF REFERENCES 10 points
- CLARITY OF EXPRESSION 20 points
- GRAMMAR, SPELLING, NEATNESS 15 points
- CONCLUSION 15 points

Stand Up for Life Poster Contest

Poster Contest Theme Both Divisions: "Every Life is a Gift from God."

Rules for poster submission:

1. Poster size must be between 18x24 inches and 22x28 inches.
2. Each poster must be the work of the student.
3. Acceptable media: crayons, paint, markers, colored pencils, ink, pictures from photos, media including magazines, newspapers and internet pictures, including homemade pictures generated through the use of computer programs.
4. Names and photographs of participants may be published (see essay contest rules) in any news or media outlet. By submitting your essay, parent(s) and guardian(s) agree to all rules of the contest.
5. Judging is anonymous. Please write these 5 things on the BACK bottom right-hand corner of the poster:
 1. Name.
 2. Grade.
 3. School or Prep.
 4. Phone Number.
 5. Home address of parent or guardian to notify winners.