

# Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

The theme of the essay contest is *“Going to the Peripheries”* The contest opens the doors of young minds, enabling the entrants to be creative, thoughtful and introspective in their work.

“Through his Incarnation, the Lord has united himself forever with suffering humanity – not as an abstraction, but throughout history with each suffering person. Jesus is already at the peripheries. The question for us is whether He will be there alone or whether His disciples will be there with Him.” - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

**Discuss the role of the Catholic Church going to the peripheries, then select one of the following ideas to complete your essay:**

1. Describe the work of one widely known current Catholic who went to the periphery.
2. Describe the work of one widely known historical Catholic who went to the periphery.
3. Describe the work of one person in your life, who helps alleviate human suffering.

**Open to all Catholic students in grades 8 - 12**

Essays *should* be submitted to judges by October 15

Council review essays October/November

State judging in February/March

## Guidelines

- Essays must reflect the assigned theme and topic, and be submitted by the deadlines
- Essays must be the students original work
- Essays must be typed on 8 ½ X 11 paper, one sided, double spaced, with one inch margins.
- Essays must be between 500 and 750 words long
- The students name should appear only on the official Knights of Columbus Essay Contest entry form which should be stapled to the essay.
- All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

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