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PRESS RELEASE

The following students were State level winners in the annual Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, sponsored by the Supreme and Wisconsin State Councils of the Knights of Columbus in cooperation with participating local Councils throughout Wisconsin.

Grade 8

1st Place – Megan Merkel (Pewaukee), Council 3562, District 63
2nd Place – Abigail Szerbat (Mequon), Council 5438, District 69
3rd Place – George Griffith (Mequon), Council 5438, District 69
Hon. Mention – Benjamin Pardee (Hartland), Council 3562, District 63
Violet Miller (Mequon), Council 5438, District 69
Makayla Haupt (Marshfield), Council 1799, District 30

Grade 9

1st Place – Michael Fox (Weston), Council 1069 (Wausau), District 28
2nd Place – Afina Alonso (Franklin), Council 16821 (Oak Creek), District 65
3rd Place – Lexi Rice (Weston), Council 1069 (Wausau), District 28

Grade 10

No Entries

Grade 11

1st Place – Isaac Scheer (Marshfield), Council 1799, District 30
2nd Place – Timothy Falk (Kenosha), Council 16022 (Pleasant Prairie), District 67

Grade 12

1st Place – Daria Isabella Stepanich (Gurnee, IL), Council 16022 (Pleasant Prairie), District 67

The contest is open to students in grades 8-12 across the State of Wisconsin. The theme the students entries were based on was “How Can the Church Evangelize in the Digital Age?”. Awards include a combination of gift cards, plaques, medals, ribbons and Certificates of Merit. Judging is at the local Council, State and National/International levels. State winners are sent on to the Supreme Offices of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT for International competition. The winning essays will also be displayed at the annual KC State Convention at Chua Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, April 26-38, 2024.

The Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic Men’s Fraternal Benefits Organization with over 2 million members worldwide and over 300 local Councils in Wisconsin. Based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity (Brotherhood) and Patriotism, the Citizenship Essay Contest is just one of many youth and family-centered programs the Knights offer annually along with numerous faith-strengthening, community-oriented charitable outreach and culture of life supporting activities. As part of their mission of strengthening families, the Knights also offer a top-ranked insurance program as well.

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Nunc Coepi