

2025

Respect Life Essay Contest



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Ulster Deanery Respect Life Committee
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College

In light of increasing hostility by governments to citizen opposition to abortion and euthanasia, if publicly voicing pro-life opinions or engaging in pro-life educational or charitable works were to become illegal, would there be enough evidence to convict you or someone you know? Explain.

1000-word limit

\$400 prize

High School

Propose a saint or a blessed individual as an example of someone who has demonstrated extraordinary pro-life witness, whether for the pre-born child, the disabled or the dying. Support your proposal with arguments, examples and historical and devotional references.

750-word limit

\$250 prize

7th & 8th Grade

Propose a saint or a blessed individual as an example of someone who has demonstrated extraordinary pro-life witness, whether for the pre-born child, the disabled or the dying. Support your proposal with arguments, examples and historical and devotional references.

500-word limit

\$150 prize

Essay Guidelines

- Essays must include Header with:
 - Student's full name
 - Parent's name
 - Full mailing address
 - Phone number
 - Grade level
 - Name of school or homeschool
 - Name of parish in Ulster County if applicable
 - Word count
- The word limit for the College contest is 1000 words, for the High School contest is 750 words, and for the 7th and 8th graders 500 words.
- Essays should be double spaced with pages numbered using font size 12 or larger.
- Plagiarism is immediate grounds for disqualification.
- College and High School submissions should include a bibliography and footnotes when necessary.
- No artwork or illustrations are allowed.

Submission Guidelines

- Only parishioners of Catholic parishes in Ulster County are eligible, with the exception of students at Mount Academy who are eligible at the High School level.
- Essays should be saved as pdf files and submitted electronically by **11:59 p.m. April 14, 2025** to: ulsterrespectlifedeanerycmte@gmail.com with the subject line "2025 Respect Life Essay Contest." Only electronic submissions are eligible for review.
- By submitting an essay, the student and his or her parents confirm that the writing is original by the student and will become the property of the Ulster Deanery Respect Life Committee upon submission.
- The decisions of the Essay Contest Committee are final and will be announced at our May 2025 meeting.
- Direct any questions to ulsterrespectlifedeanerycmte@gmail.com.