



In Honor of the Canonization of Blessed Pope John Paul II

**Saint Raymond's Parish Respect Life Committee
and the
St. John Bosco Knights of Columbus Council
are sponsoring a**

Pro-Life Essay Contest for Parish Youth in grades 4-12

Grades 10-12

In 1000-1500 words: ***How do you envision a Pro-Life America, and what can you do to make it that way?***

Feel free to reference our Founding Fathers' philosophies.

1st Place \$500.00

2nd Place \$200.00

Grades 7-9

In 500-1000 words: ***By what authority does the Catholic Church claim that all human life is sacred?***

Feel free to reference the Bible, the Catechism and other Church documents to support your paper.

1st Place \$200.00

2nd Place \$100.00

Grades 4-6

In 250-500 words: ***How can you live in a way to show God and others that you respect the gift of human life?***

1st Place \$50.00

2nd Place \$25.00

"The Church entrusts to young people the task of proclaiming to the world the joy which springs from having met Christ. Dear friends, allow yourselves to be drawn to Christ, accept His invitation to follow Him. Go and preach the Good News that redeems; do it with happiness in your hearts and become communicators of hope in a world which is often tempted to despair, communicators of faith in a society which at times seems resigned to disbelief, communicators of love, in daily events that are often marked by a mentality of the most unbridled selfishness."

Pope John Paul II to Youth gathered at World Youth Day in Manila, 1995

**Thank you for entering
the St. Raymond's Pro-Life Essay Contest
honoring the canonization of
Blessed Pope John Paul II.
May he offer you inspiration in your efforts!**

Rules for entrants:

- * Entries must be typed.
- * Entries must be delivered to the parish office no later than 4 p.m. on Monday 28 April.
- * Entries may not have any personal identifying information on them.
- * Entries will be logged in by age category and number to provide anonymity for fairness in judging.
- * Judging will be conducted by members of the Respect Life Committee who do not have family members entered.
- * The Pastor will be the final judge.
- * Entries that do not answer the assigned question will not be considered.
- * Entries that do not abide by the word count will not be considered.

**Essays are due in person to the parish office no later than Monday 28 April 2014.
Winners will be announced in time for Mother's Day.**

Name: _____
Telephone number: _____
Email: _____
Parish: _____
School: _____
Grade: _____

I certify that the work submitted is my own.

Signature of entrant: _____ date: _____

Signature of parent: _____ date: _____

"At this stage of history, the liberating message of the Gospel of Life has been put into your hands..."

Pope John Paul II to Youth gathered at World Youth Day in Denver, 1993

"I have great confidence in you, I have great pride in you; I am filled with encouragement, I am overflowing with joy."

St. Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 7:4)