



Catholic Schools Week 2009 Essay Contest for Students

Students are invited to enter the CTN Catholic Schools Week Essay Contest and tell us how they serve their community.

Essay Topic

How do you serve others in your family, at school, and in the wider community?

How to Enter

Students will go to: <http://www.ctnba.org> and click on the 'What's New' section of our site.

Students can complete the form, with their name, their school name and grade level. The online form allows students up to 100 words in the 3-4 category, and up to 250 words in the 5-6 and 7-8 category.

Students are encouraged to write a first draft, proofread their writing, and then type their writing into the online form.

Teachers: Please ensure that spelling and grammar has been checked before submitting entries.



Prizes and Winners

There will be three winners in each category. Each winner will receive an iPod Nano.

Timeline

The Competition will close on January 30th and the winners will be announced in the March/April OnScreen.

Judging

The following criteria will be used in judging the writing:

Ideas and Content, Word Choice, Conventions, Organization, Voice, and Sentence Fluency.

If you have any further questions about the Catholic Schools Week 2009 Writing Contest for students, please call CTN at (650) 326-7850.

Need help getting started? Check out these online resources:

Social Justice – CTN

http://www.ctnba.org/cath_res/cath_social_justice/curric_social_justice.php

Students can choose one of the 7 key themes of Social Justice and find ways they can contribute to the movement for justice, peace and human development.

Justice, Peace, and Human Development Resources

Social Justice - CTN

<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/foreducators2.shtml>

Check out these Lesson Plans and resources for Elementary and Middle School students.

Catholic Relief Services

http://crs.org/kids/index_flash.htm

This site challenges students to think about what they can do to make the world a better place. There are interactive games, puzzles, and activities for all grade levels.

Social Justice and Faith in Action – Writing Prompts

http://www.ctnba.org/cath_res/cath_writing_prompts/cath_wp.php

Tackle the issues of poverty, violence, peace, justice, and homelessness with these CTN Writing Prompts. Students are able to reflect on these important issues in our society and develop ways their faith can be put into action.