

CONTEST DETAILS

1. The contest is open to students in grades 3 through 8 who are enrolled in a Catholic school or in a parish religious education program.
2. We will select two winners in each grade from across the United States.
3. Each school may submit one entry per grade, and each parish program may submit one entry per grade. If a church has both a school and a parish program, it could submit a total of 12 essays: 6 from the school and 6 from the parish program.
4. We encourage schools and parishes to hold contests at each grade level in order to choose the essays that will be submitted.
5. Schools and parishes should create their own internal deadlines for student submissions and allow time for internal judging.
6. Essays are limited to one side of one 8.5 x 11 piece of paper. Depending on the age of the student, this could be several paragraphs, or it could be a couple of handwritten sentences.
7. Students should put their names in the top right corner of their paper.
8. Staple the completed Essay Cover Sheet to each entry submitted.
9. No student contact information is needed to submit an essay, just name and grade level.
10. Communication Center will notify the parish or school contact person for each winning entry. That person can decide how best to communicate with the winning student.
11. For privacy reasons, Communication Center will not publish the names of the winners. If we receive your permission, we will publish the winning essays and the names of the each student's parish or school.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

1. The expression of faith in Christ and spiritual awareness: believing in, looking for, and seeing God at work in the world and in the lives of oneself and others: 90%.
2. Paragraph structure, grammar and spelling (age-appropriate): 10%.

DUE DATE

Entries must be sent by mail and postmarked by February 28, 2020.

MAILING ADDRESS

Communication Center
 Christ Is Alive Essay Contest
 4315 Ralph Jones Court
 South Bend, IN 46628

AWARD DATE

The parish or school contacts listed on the winners' Essay Cover Sheets will be notified by email or phone on April 3, 2020.

ABOUT THE SPONSOR

Communication Center has been serving the Catholic Church for 48 years. We aim to serve as a one-stop solution for schools and parishes, providing the best religious education materials from a wide array of publishers. We have strong partnerships with all major Catholic publishers, and we are the leading U.S. distributor specializing in products for Catholic religious education. Profits generated through our product sales are used to support missionary outreach. Visit us at www.comcenter.com to learn more!



ESSAY COVER SHEET

Parish School

Parish / School Name _____

Parish / School Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Parish / School Contact Name _____

Title _____ Phone _____

Parish / School Contact Email _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name _____ Grade _____

MAIL TO:

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