

# 2020-21 RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES

Students in **Grades K--8** are to respond to the directions for the prompt at each grade level. Submissions may be handwritten or typed.

Kindergarten – Artwork

Grade 1 – Artwork with sentence explanation, which may be written on the same sheet

Grade 2 – Artwork with written explanation, which may be on the same sheet or separate depending on the size of the illustrations

Grade 3 – Choice of paragraph or comic strip with written explanation under each panel

Grade 4 – Write a 3 paragraph essay on topic – handwritten or typed

Grade 5 – Write a 3, 4 or 5 paragraph essay on topic – handwritten or typed

Grades 6 & 7 – Write a 3, 4, or 5 paragraph essay on topic – handwritten or typed

Grade 8 – Write a 3, 4, or 5 paragraph essay on topic – handwritten or typed

**High School** students' essays should be typed. Suggested essay length is 500 words

- **All entries including Artwork to be 8.5 X 11**
- **All typed entries to be 12pt Calibri with 1.5 line spacing**
- **All handwritten entries to be in ink/pen single spaced**

**All submissions** will be judged on the student's ability to articulate his or her understanding of the issues, the message of the Catholic Church in relation to those issues, his or her own personal commitment to implementing the Church's message and creativity.

**Please send all entries to:** Respect Life Program, Office of Human Life & Dignity  
Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109

**Essays should be postmarked by October 31st, 2020.**

**Because of COVID-19 considerations, we will also accept PDF copies via email, sent to [LifandDignity@sfarch.org](mailto:LifandDignity@sfarch.org).**

**Please do not** put the name of the student on the front of the essay. Attach to the back of the essay---on the form provided---the name of the student, student's address, telephone number, grade, school, teacher, school address & school telephone number. Please print as legibly as possible so names on awards certificates will be accurate. If the teacher or student would like a copy of the essay, please copy *before* mailing. Due to the number of essays received, we are not able to photocopy or return copies of essays.

## **Categories of Judging**

Grade K – Grand Prize \$25

First Prize \$10 – one awarded in each County

Grade 1- Grand Prize \$50

First Prize \$ 25 - one awarded in each County

Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved

Grade 2 – Grand Prize \$50

First Prize \$ 25 - one awarded in each County  
Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved

Grade 3 -- Grand Prize \$75

First Prize \$ 25 - one awarded in each County  
Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved

Grade 4 --Grand Prize \$ 75

First Prize \$ 25 - one awarded in each County  
Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved

Grade 5 -- Grand Prize \$100

First Prize \$ 50 - one awarded in each County  
Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved

Grades 6 --Grand Prize \$100

First Prize \$ 50 - one awarded in each County  
Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved

Grade 7 -- Grand Prize \$125

First Prize \$ 75 - one awarded in each County  
Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved

Grade 8 -- Grand Prize \$150

First Prize \$ 75 - one awarded in each County  
Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved

High School:

Grades 9-12 Grand Prize \$250

First Prize \$100

Honorable Mentions awarded as deserved

On **Monday, January 18, 2021**, winners will be posted at [sfarch.org/essay-contest](http://sfarch.org/essay-contest). If COVID-19 restrictions permit, a Special Mass and Awards Ceremony with Reception will be held in early 2021, the date and time will be determined closer to the date and it will be posted on our website [sfarch.org/essay-contest](http://sfarch.org/essay-contest).