

2020 VOCATIONS ESSAY CONTEST
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THE SERRA CLUB OF LOUISVILLE
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THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE VOCATION OFFICE

Essay Question

In keeping with the theme for vocations, “**Bringing Christ to Others**”, choose one of the following prompts:

“How could my family’s life foster and encourage a positive response to
God’s call to a religious vocation?”

“Imagine yourself for a moment as a priest, deacon or religious sister or brother.
How would you spend your day?”

You are strongly encouraged to interview a priest or religious and write about what you learned from your interview.

Length and Appearance: Essays should be about 200 to 300 words in length and typed in a standard black typeface and doubled spaced. Only one essay per student may be submitted.

Eligibility and Sponsors: The contest is open to all students in Grades 7 and 8 who live in or attend school within the Archdiocese of Louisville, or who are participating in religious education or youth ministry classes. Religion teachers, catechists, and youth ministers at each parish or school may serve as a sponsor for each student who submits an essay. Sponsors should review the student’s essay before submission to ensure that it meets essay guidelines.

Contest Dates: The Vocations Essay Contest begins on November 1, 2020 and ends January 8, 2021. Winners will be announced shortly after February 5, 2021.

Judging: All submitted essays will be read and judged by a committee selected by the Vocations Office. Essays will be judged upon: a) How well it answers the question; b) Originality; c) Grammar, readability and neatness.

Prizes and Recognition:

1st place \$100 plus certificate
2nd place \$75 plus certificate
3rd place \$50 plus certificate

\$50 to teacher/sponsor of the 1st place winner

Information will be sent to winners soon after the contest ends.

Serra is an international organization of lay persons whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and to encourage its members to fulfill their own Christian vocations to service. Serra’s patron is Saint Junipero Serra, the missionary priest who, along with fellow Franciscans, established missions in California in the late 1700s. The Serra Club of Louisville was organized in 1955.

2020 VOCATIONS ESSAY CONTEST SUBMISSION FORM

Complete this form and attach to your essay. **Please do not include this information on the essay itself.**

Signature of Student: _____

(Please print when filling in the rest of the form)

Name of Student: _____

Home Address: _____

Daytime Telephone: (_____) _____

Name of Parent(s)
or Guardian(s): _____

Parent or
Guardian E-mail: _____

Grade Level of Student (circle one): 7 8

Name of Sponsoring Teacher,
Catechist, or Youth Minister: _____

E-mail Address of Sponsor: _____

Name of School: _____

Name of Parish: _____

Parish Address: _____

This information is solely for use with the 2020 Vocations Essay Contest and will be kept confidential and will not be shared or given to any other party or used for any other purpose other than the Vocations Essay Contest and associated publicity.

Essays must be submitted by JANUARY 8, 2021

Please mail essays to:

**Vocations Essay Contest
Archdiocese of Louisville Vocation Office
1200 S. Shelby St.
Louisville, Ky. 40203**

or submit electronically to kmclmore@archlou.org