

SACRED HEART KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATIMA ESSAY CONTEST

GOAL

The goal of the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Fatima Essay Contest is to give students an opportunity to define the reason that the Apparitions at Fatima are important in the world today, 100 years later. The essay contest is a creative way to encourage young people to become more firmly grounded in the Faith.

THEME

Write an essay showing how Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima in 1917 speak to living as a Catholic in America today, one hundred years after her message was delivered.

ELIGIBILITY

The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students – in public, private, parochial or home school – in grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 during the current school year. All essays are due no later than October 20th, must be accompanied by a signed entry form and can be turned in at the academy office or to the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus.

SCORING

The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Essay Contest is scored on a 100 point system. The essays are judged by officials selected by the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus. The 100 points are based on:

- Content (35 points) – How thoroughly is the topic examined?
- Grammar (30 points) – How well is the essay written with respect to sentence and paragraph construction?
- Style (35 points) – Does the essay show creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a logical and compelling style?

RECOGNITION

The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus will identify and reward winners at each of the individual grade levels.