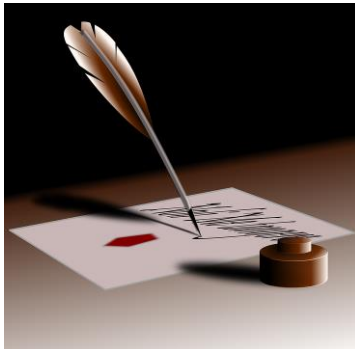




KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION 2020



**This competition is open to young people 12 to 18 years of age in secondary education.
Why not give it a try? – Provincial and National Prizes for best winning entries.**

To create fairness, there are two separate age groups for judging, i.e:
1) School Year Groups: 7, 8 and 9. 2) School Year Groups: 10, 11, 12, 13.

Your essay will be on a theme of your own choice but it should express an appreciation of faith awareness, social responsibility and requirements of good citizenship. It should have a minimum of 1,400 and a maximum of 1,600 words, typed or handwritten in ink.

The criteria observed in judging entries will be:

- a - Comprehensive linking of the basic elements expressed in the essay.*
- b - Composition skills.*
- c - Correct use of the English language.*

The Awards after Local & Provincial judging in each age group will be:

- First Prize – Provincial Certificate and £7.00***
- Second Prize – Provincial Certificate and £5.00***
- Third Prize – Provincial Certificate and £3.00***

The National Awards after final judging will be:

Overall Winner: Engraved Trophy. (Held by the school or individual for approximately one year.)

- Each Group Winners : Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight. Cash Prize of £75:00.***
- Each Group Runners Up : Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight. Cash Prize of £50:00.***
- Each Group Third Places: Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight. Cash Prize of £25:00.***

A donation of £200 will be made to the school/parish attended by the winners of each group.

Note: The overall winner will be the better winning entry of Groups 1 and 2 combined.

*The following detail should be **legibly printed** on the reverse of each entry:*

Name of entrant. Age of entrant. School Year Group. Name & Address of School / Parish or home address of an individual entry.

Entries should be sent direct to me, Bro. Christopher J. Brooks, PPGK, 356 London Road South, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR33 0BQ, email: christopherbrooks631@gmail.com to arrive anytime during the year but by Tuesday 1st September 2020 at the latest. It would be helpful if your school plans to participate to contact me in the first instance Tel. (01502) 563208.

Best wishes for a good composition.