



Young Men's Institute
Forty-Third Annual
Essay Contest

Cash Prizes to be Awarded:

	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
Grand Prize	\$500.00	\$1000.00
2 nd Place	\$350.00	\$ 800.00
3 rd Place	\$300.00	\$ 600.00
4 th Place	\$200.00	\$ 400.00
5 th Place	\$150.00	\$ 300.00
6 th Place	\$100.00	\$ 200.00
7 th – 13 th Place	\$75.00	\$ 100.00

Contest Rules:

1. Topics

7 & 8 Grades – *The motto "In God We Trust" is on the currency of the United States of America. Presently, there are efforts afoot across our nation to have that motto removed. Share your opinion as to whether, or not, our government should hold firm in keeping "In God We Trust" on U.S. currency.*

9 – 12 Grades – *When Catholics go to the polls to vote in local, state, and national elections, which factor should come first in selecting a candidate? Should our faith as Catholics take precedence or are political realities more important? Provide two examples to support your position.*

2. Contest is open to any Catholic student (Private or Public School).
3. A Young Men's Institute member or Council must sponsor each student entry.
4. The essay must be original and not more than 500 words.
5. The essay can be word processed, typed, or neatly hand printed.
6. The essay must be accompanied by the information requested by the Entry Form. (See "Entry Form" section)
7. All entries must be received by January 15, 2017.
8. All entries will be judged on content, neatness, grammar, spelling, and adherence to contest rules. A panel of impartial persons will conduct judging for the Grand Award. The decision of the judges is final. All entries become the property of the Young Men's Institute

Entry Form

(Please type or print clearly)

NAME _____
Last First

AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

HOME ADDRESS _____
Number and Street

_____ City or Town State Zip Code

TELEPHONE NUMBER (____) _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

GRADE _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____
Number and Street

_____ City State Zip Code

SPONSOR _____
YMI Member Name or Council's Name

COUNCIL # _____

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