

## SD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST

All seventh and eighth grade students are eligible to enter. The topic for this year is:

*What is your favorite Mystery of the Rosary? Please explain why.*

### **DATES OF CONTEST**

Council contest begins September 1st and closes January 31st. Local councils judge their council entries and local winners are selected. From these winners, one essay for each ten entries written may be sent to the state contest with a February 15th postmark deadline.

### **COMPOSITION OF ESSAY**

Essays must be type written, double-spaced and contain 300 words or less.

### **IDENTIFICATION OF CONTESTANT**

The name of the sponsoring council and council number along with the name and address of the writer must be placed in a small envelope and attached to the upper right hand corner of the essay securely, but unsealed. If there is more than one page, they must all be securely fastened together. Please state if you are a boy or girl contestant so that appropriate awards may be selected for the winners.

### **JUDGING**

Local councils are to furnish local judges. The state contest will be judged by a panel selected by the committee in charge of the contest. Local school teachers and newspaper editors make excellent judges.

### **PRIZES**

A resolution passed in 2005 established minimum local prizes of 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, and 3rd - \$10. On the state level, the same resolution established minimum prizes of 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$75, and 3rd - \$50 which will be awarded at the state convention. There will also be approximately seven honorable mention awards at the state level.

### **GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING**

Originality, preparation, neatness, and consistency with the topic should all play an equal part in the scoring of the essays.

Send **the top three entries** to the state contest for judging.

All state entries must be postmarked by **February 15th** and sent to:

Church-Vocations Chairman  
Bruce Sparks  
PO Box 442  
Armour, SD 57313  
Phone: 605-280-8590