

# Pope Saint John XXIII Assembly No. 730

## Catholic Patriotism Scholarship

### Essay Contest

### Entry Form

I wish to enter the **Pope St. John XXIII Assembly No. 730 Catholic Patriotism Scholarship Essay Contest**.  
**I realize that my entry becomes property of the Pope St. John XXIII Assembly and will not be returned.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner will receive \$1,000 The 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner will receive \$500

**ASSEMBLY NUMBER** 730

Name of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_

#### This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

**Council No.** \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the POPE ST. JOHN XXIII ASSEMBLY CATHOLIC PATRIOTISM SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. Parents or guardian must sign this form before the entrant competes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

#### This Section To Be Completed Pope St. John XXIII Assembly Officials:

#### Score Sheet

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: A 100-point scoring system is used to determine winners. Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.

Score	Content - 40 points	Grammar - 25 points	Style - 35 points
Judge 1: _____			
Judge 2: _____			
Judge 3: _____			
Average Score: _____			

(See other side for instructions.)



## **Essay Topic:** How does my Catholic faith translate into a commitment to serve my local community and country?

Use resources from the USCCB site on Faithful Citizenship. <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-title>. This is a competition where, after an initial vetting of their essays, a select group of finalists have their essays evaluated for final awards.

### **RULES**

- An entrant must be a child or grandchild of a Sir Knight in good standing with Pope St John XXIII Assembly. (this includes children and grandchildren of the widow of a deceased SK that was in good standing)
- The student's name should appear only on the official Pope St. John XXIII Assembly Catholic Patriotism Scholarship Essay Contest entry form, which must be stapled to the essay.
- Entrants are invited to submit a written essay. **The essay is to be an original work and not be someone else's work.**
- Essays must be typed and be between 500 and 750 words in length.
- Essays must be submitted to the Assembly by April 22, 2026. Finalists will be announced by May 13, 2026.
- **Finalists' essays must be read at the May Assembly Meeting** to be held, Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 7:30PM. Winners will be announced June 10, 2026, and will have their awards presented, June 24, 2026.

### **JUDGING**

Judges (three or more) will be selected by the sponsoring Knights of Columbus assembly. Assembly members, teachers, clergy, civil officials and/or members of the community may serve as judges.

A **100-point scoring system** will be used to determine the winner.

**40 Points:** Content — How thoroughly is the topic examined?

**25 Points:** Grammar — How well is the essay written with respect to sentence and paragraph construction?

**35 Points:** Style — Does the essay show creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a logical and compelling style?

### **Assembly Contact Information**

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Submit entries to: **SK Ray Diaz, 20 Jefferson Street, Franklin Square, NY 11010**  
or hand deliver entries to the Faithful Navigator or Faithful Captain at meetings.

**Assembly will retain a copy of this completed form for their files.**