

Confirmation Prep Fall Supplement Packet

****Due Tuesday, December 6, 2016****

Diocese of Rockville Centre 15th Annual Respect Life Contest: “Moved By Mercy”

October is Respect Life month, where we come together, in particular, to value life in all forms and stages. When God, created humans, he created them in his own “image and likeness.” In today’s world, life, even human life, is not always regarded with the respect inherently owed it by virtue of that creation. Each year, the Diocese of Rockville Centre contributes by hosting a Respect Life contest and inviting youth from all over the diocese (all of Nassau and Suffolk counties) to submit various types of themed entries.

The contest is designed to educate and provide a platform for youth to express and share ideas and feelings on Respect Life issues that promote the dignity and respect for all persons from conception through natural death. All entries will be judged on originality and expression of thought in relation to the Catholic faith and the contest theme.

Respect life issues and concerns include abortion, adoption, euthanasia, bullying, respect for life, contraception, crisis pregnancy, advocacy for life, stem cell research, just war doctrine, death penalty, suicide, responsibility of Catholic politicians, respectful reproductive technologies, chastity, rights of the disabled, conscience protection for Catholic Healthcare workers and end of life issues.

The contest has two different levels of entry: Level 1 (7th & 8th Grades) and Level 2 (9th-12th). There are 7 categories of submission (listed below). Each level and category is judged separately, meaning that there will be 1st-3rd place winners from each level for each category. Cash awards are given for first, second and third place winners for both levels in each category. First place winners will receive \$400.00; Second place winners will receive \$250.00; and Third Place winners will receive \$150.00

The following are seven types of entries that can be made:

1. **Essay:** Must be typed and limited to 400 words
2. **Poetry:** Must be typed and limited to 21 lines
3. **Music:** Both melody and lyrics must be the contestant’s original creation unless the melody is in the public domain. The music must be submitted on a CD. (First Prize Winner Must be prepared to perform his/her material on awards night)
4. **Photography:** The photo must be an 8x10 color or B&W photo taken only by the contestant. Please submit entry with photo form and disclaimer on the back.
5. **Art-Book Mark Design:** Must be accompanied with registration form and book mark entry form. No exceptions.
6. **Video Clip Design:** Please submit a DVD video no more than 2:30 min long. The filming, audio, and editing of the video should all be your own original work. PowerPoint presentations, slide shows of photos, or other peoples’ videos will not be accepted. Please note: winners should be ready to submit their video to us in a web-ready format, according to the specifications of YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/t/creators_corner
7. **Pin-it/ Photomontage Board:** Create a Pin-it board and pin your personal design. Use an 8.5 x 11 page which will serve as your “board.” Fill the board with a minimum of 5 images (images must be original) that relate to the Respect Life theme. Submit form with title and written description (50 words or less) explaining how your pin board relates to the contest theme. Example: why you chose those pictures, or how it relates to the theme. A pin it board can be an organized set of images or a photomontage, it can be done by hand (Using paper, markers, pictures, etc.) or on computer. *The use of crafting materials i.e. string, wire, tinsel, or anything that obstructs the board from being framed will not be accepted or judged.* Submissions include a printed copy of your Pin it Board along with the description form and a computer **CD** that has your Pin it Board in a JPG or PDF format.
8. **Merciful Mural-** The mural is for groups of 2 to 4 students and should reflect the contest theme. *Materials:* Paper size will be 3 feet 6 feet (the Respect Life Office will provide the required mural paper and requests for paper must be by October 1st) *Suggested Mediums:* Markets, paints (acrylics), pencils and/or crayons. All students’ works must be original, colorful and convey a respect life message.

All contest materials including additional details and the forms that must be submitted are available on the diocesan website <http://respectlife.drvc.org/respect-life-contest-information-and-resources/>. A direct link to the Respect Life contest page is posted on the Faith Formation downloads page of the Blessed Sacrament website (www.bsvs.us). **All** submissions must have registration forms and some require entry forms.

Please note that though all Blessed Sacrament Confirmation Prep youth are compelled to complete this project, the projects *do not* have to be submitted to the diocese if the youth does not wish it. In this case, registrations forms are not necessary, but the entry forms accompanying the certain types of entries will be.

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Fall Service Reflection

God bestows many gifts upon us in life. It is part of our mission as Christians to discover what these might be in order to fulfill our greater mission of evangelization. Central to this mission is the primary message of Christ, which is to love God and love others. Thus, in discerning these gifts, it is important to see how we are called to use our gifts to help others.

Service, the doing of good works, is a staple of Catholic life. In these years of preparation for Confirmation, we simply ask for accountability of service work that should already be part of a young Christian's life as well as theological and spiritual reflection on such work for a deeper and more integrative experience.

Please refer to the last page of the Confirmation Process guidelines for more information and a list of acceptable forms of community service. For each type of service done in the last four months or since your last reflection, please follow the instructions below.

You will have an opportunity to reflect on future service done in your spring supplement packet. If you do the same service throughout the year, complete this project again by reflecting on new insights and connections learned of your service to our Faith and Tradition.

Reflection instructions:

On separate paper, either 1 typed page size 12 font and double or 1.5 spaced, or 2-3 (equal to 1 typed page) *neatly* handwritten pages, please respond to the following:

1. Your name.
2. The name of the supervisor/witness of the service and his/her contact info.
3. Where the service took place and for what organization (if applicable).
4. The dates and times of the service.
5. A summary of what the service was and why you chose it.
6. Choose a Work of Mercy *and* a principle of Catholic Social Teaching that apply to your service and define them.
7. Explain how that Work of Mercy and Catholic Social teaching applies.
8. Answer the following: did you enjoy the service? Why or why not? Would you do it again? If not, what would you rather do and why?
9. Have the supervisor/witness sign and date your reflection.

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Celebrant (Priest) _____ Church: _____
Color of Priest's Vestments _____ Church Season: _____
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